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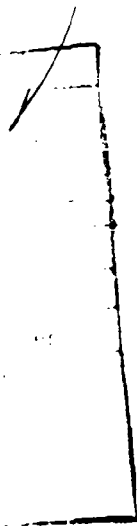
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SUBJECT: Directorate for Engineering Position of the Final Report of USAAEFA  
Project No. 83-05, Airworthiness and Flight Characteristics Test of  
the JOH-6A Flight Combat Helicopter Configured with a Wire Strike  
Protection System

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1. The purpose of this letter is to establish the Directorate for Engineering position on the subject report. The report documents the handling qualities of the JOH-6A Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) with a wire strike protection system (WSPS) installed.

2. This Directorate agrees with the Conclusions and Recommendations stated in the report except as indicated below. Also, additional comments are provided and are applicable to the paragraphs as indicated.

a. Paragraphs 13 and 15. Disagree that the insufficient ground clearance of the lower cutter assembly is a deficiency during a normal run on landing at the high gross weight of 2700 lb. This should be a shortcoming. The caution recommended adequately advises the pilot to take care and provides instructions to prevent ground contact of the lower cutter assembly. Additionally, inadvertent ground contact will result in shearing the cutter extension shear rivets and reducing the probability of structural damage. The OH-58 A/C helicopters also have the same type design with a frangible cutter extension for precluding structural damage.

b. Paragraph 1c. The effect of the IR landing light on the operation of the WSPS is unknown. It is expected at worst to slightly increase the frontal vulnerable area as compared to the IR light being removed. It is not considered practical at this time to conduct actual wire strike tests to determine, if any, reduction in WSPS effectiveness. Consideration will be given to conducting an analysis to determine any reduction in effectiveness.

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Acting Director of Engineering

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# INTRODUCTION

## BACKGROUND

1. The US Army has identified a need for a special mission helicopter that is air-transportable by C-130 aircraft. The OH-6A helicopter was selected and after modifications was designated the JOH-6A light combat helicopter (LCH). Since the conduct of this test the aircraft has been redesignated the AH-6C. The US Army Aviation Research and Development Command (AVRADCOM) requested that the US Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity (USAAEFA) conduct a limited Airworthiness and Flight Characteristics (A&FC) test on a JOH-6A LCH configured with a wire strike protection system (WSPS) (ref 1, app A). The WSPS was developed by Bristol Aerospace Ltd., Winnipeg, Canada, and was certified for use on the Hughes 500 Helicopter. The WSPS was subjected to structural analysis, handling qualities testing, and simulated wire strike tests by the Canadians. Additionally, the Applied Technology Laboratory, Research Technology Laboratory, and AVRADCOM conducted dynamic tests of the WSPS installed on the OH-58A at the Impact Dynamics facility, NASA Langley Research Center.

## TEST OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of this test were to obtain handling qualities data necessary to substantiate the airworthiness of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed.

## DESCRIPTION

3. The test helicopter (USA S/N 69-16054) was manufactured by Hughes Helicopters, Incorporated. A major LCH modification replaced the standard engine (T63-A-5A) with a T63-A-720 having an uninstalled sea level rating of 420 shaft horsepower (SHP). Transmission limits restrict power to 272 SHP for takeoff. Other modifications included: installation of military avionics with secure voice capability, LTN-211 Omega/VIF navigation system, one M158A1 7 tube, 2.75 inch folding fin aerial rocket (FFAR) pod mounted on the right side and one M27E1 7.62mm minigun armament subsystem mounted on the left side of the aircraft. The WSPS was mounted on the cabin roof and lower forward canopy. Photographs of the test aircraft are presented in appendix B. A detailed description of the OH-6A is contained in the operator's manual (ref 2) and a description of modifications incorporated to configure the aircraft to the JOH-6A LCH configuration are contained in the airworthiness release (ref 3). A description of the WSPS is contained in appendix B. A description of test instrumentation is contained in appendix C.

#### TEST SCOPE

4. The ASFC of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS was conducted at Edwards Air Force Base, California from 30 August to 2 September 1983. Four flights were conducted for a total of 4.1 productive flight hours. Tests were conducted at the test conditions shown in table 1. The limitations shown in the operator's manual and the airworthiness release were observed. Center of gravity (cg) and airspeed limitations from the airworthiness release are presented in figures 1 and 2, appendix B.

#### TEST METHODOLOGY

5. Flight test techniques used are described in reference 4, appendix A. Test methods and data analysis methods are briefly described in appendix D. Ball-centered (coordinated) flight was used for test trim conditions. Data were recorded utilizing an onboard magnetic tape recording system. Control system rigging check and aircraft weight and balance were performed by USAAEFA personnel.



Table 1. Handling Qualities Test Conditions<sup>1</sup>

Test	Average Gross Weight (lb)	Longitudinal Center of Gravity (FS)	Density Altitude (ft)	Calibrated Airspeed (KCAS)	Remarks
Static Lateral-Directional Stability	2600	99.0(FWD)	7000	59-79	Level flight, climb and autorotation
Dynamic Stability	2630	99.0(FWD)	7340	55-75	Climb and level flight
Low Speed Flight	2660	99.1-99.2(FWD)	3510	Sideward: 0-38 KTAS <sup>2</sup> Rearward: 0-31 KTAS Forward: 0-31 KTAS	Skid height 5 ft

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Tests were conducted with doors off in trimmed ball-centered flight and mid-lateral center of gravity

<sup>2</sup>Knots true airspeed

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## GENERAL.

6. A limited A&FC test of the JOH-6A LCH helicopter with WSPS installed was conducted at Edwards AFB, California at the general test conditions listed in table 1. The handling qualities of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed were essentially unchanged from the basic JOH-6A LCH. One deficiency, attributable to the WSPS installation, was identified: the insufficient ground clearance of the lower cutter allows contact with the ground during run-on landings at high gross weights. One shortcoming was identified which was previously reported for the JOH-6A LCH.

## HANDLING QUALITIES

### Static Lateral-Directional Stability

7. Static lateral-directional control characteristics of the JOH-6A LCH were evaluated in climbs, autorotational descents, and level flight at the conditions shown in table 1. Data are presented in figures 1 through 4, appendix E. At all conditions tested, the JOH-6A LCH with the WSPS installed exhibited positive directional stability (increased left directional control for increased right sideslip), and positive dihedral effect (increased right lateral control with increased right sideslip). The gradient of directional control position with change in sideslip angle in level flight was approximately 12 degrees of sideslip angle per inch of pedal displacement at 60 knots calibrated airspeed (KCAS) while the gradient at 79 KCAS was slightly steeper (7 degrees of sideslip angle per inch of pedal displacement). Sideforce cues were weak about trim at these airspeeds as evidenced by the small change in roll attitude with sideslip. The static lateral-directional stability characteristics of the JOH-6A with WSPS installed are essentially unchanged from those of the standard JOH-6A LCH (ref 5, app A).

### Dynamic Stability

8. Lateral-directional dynamic stability was evaluated in level flight at 55 and 75 KCAS at the conditions presented in table 1. The aircraft response to pedal doublets is presented in figures 5 and 6, appendix E. An easily excited but damped lateral-directional oscillation (2.0 to 2.5 second period) developed during all flight conditions. This response was more pronounced during maximum power climbs at 60 KCAS (fig. 7, app E). The oscillation was more damped at the higher airspeed (75 KCAS) tested. The lateral-directional dynamic stability characteristics of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed are essentially unchanged from those of the standard JOH-6A LCH (ref 5, app A).

### Low Speed Flight Characteristics

9. The low speed flight characteristics of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS were evaluated at the conditions presented in table 1 using a calibrated ground pace vehicle as a speed reference. Surface wind conditions were less than 5 knots and skid height was approximately 5 feet. Control positions during low speed flight are presented in figures 8 through 11, appendix E. Less than 10% aft longitudinal control margin existed for left sideward flight at speeds in excess of 20 knots true airspeed (KTAS) and for rearward and 225 degree (critical) relative azimuth flight at speeds in excess of 15 KTAS. The limited aft longitudinal control margin, however, was not evident to the pilot. Random pitch, roll and yaw excursions during left and right sideward flight between 10 and 20 KTAS are a shortcoming previously reported (ref 5, app A). The low speed flight characteristics of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed are essentially unchanged from the basic JOH-6A LCH.

### Lower Wire Cutter Ground Clearance

10. Lower wire cutter ground clearance was evaluated at 2700 lb gross weight by conducting run-on landings. A Fome-Cor® lower cutter extension was installed to prevent damage to the airframe. Ground clearance prior to takeoff was 1.9 inches (photo 6, app B). During landing, the landing gear oleo-struts compressed sufficiently to allow the lower cutter to contact the ground which resulted in damage to the cutter extension (photo 7, app B). The insufficient ground clearance of the lower cutter assembly allows contact with the ground when making a normal run-on landing at 2700 lb gross weight and is a deficiency. Until the deficiency is corrected, the following caution should be placed in the operator's manual of the LCH configuration with WSPS installed.

#### CAUTION

Ground clearance of the lower WSPS cutter is minimal at high gross weights. Care should be exercised when operating from unimproved areas or when run-on landings are anticipated to prevent ground contact of the lower cutter assembly.

### Infrared (IR) Landing Light with WSPS Installed

11. The IR landing light as installed in the test aircraft extends forward of the WSPS midsection deflector. The protrusion of the IR landing light (photo 8, app B) could interfere with

the proper functioning of the wire strike protection system. An evaluation of the WSPS as installed on the JOM-6A LCH should be conducted to determine what effect the IR landing light has on WSPS operation.

# CONCLUSIONS

## GENERAL

12. The handling qualities of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed are essentially unchanged from the JOH-6A LCH as reported in reference 5, appendix A.

## DEFICIENCY

13. The insufficient ground clearance of the lower putter assembly allows contact with the ground when making a normal run-on landing at 2700 lb gross weight (para 10).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

14. Correct the deficiency listed in paragraph 13.
15. The following caution should be placed in the operator's manual of the JOH-6A LCH with WSPS installed (para 10).

### CAUTION

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16. An evaluation of the WSPS as installed on the JOH-6A LCH should be conducted to determine what effect the IR landing light has on WSPS operation (para 11).

## APPENDIX A. REFERENCES

1. Letter, AVRADCOM, DRDAV-DI, 12 April 1981, subject: Airworthiness and Flight Characteristics Test of OH-6A Configured with a Wire Strike Protection System. (Test Request)
2. Operator's Manual, TM 55-1520-214-10, *Helicopter Observation OH-6A*, 17 December 1976, through change 11, 11 January 1982.
3. Letter, AVRADCOM, DRDAV-D, 31 August 1983, subject: Airworthiness Release for Flight Operation of the JOH-6A Aircraft (69-16054), USAAEFA Project No. 83-05.
4. Flight Test Manual, Naval Air Test Center, FTM No. 101, *Stability and Control*, 10 June 1968.
5. Final Report, USAAEFA, Project No. 81-04, *Airworthiness and Flight Characteristics Test of the OH-6A Configured to a Light Combat Helicopter (JOH-6A LCH)*, November 1983.

## APPENDIX B. DESCRIPTION

### GENERAL

1. The test aircraft, a JOH-6A (S/N 69-16054) light combat helicopter (LCH) with the wire strike protection system (WSPS), was a standard OH-6A aircraft in accordance with Hughes Helicopter detail specification HTC-A369-V-8003A and the operator's manual except for LCH modifications and instrumentation installation (photos 1 and 2). A detailed description of the standard OH-6A is presented in reference 2, appendix A. The LCH modifications and a detailed description of the WSPS are presented in reference 3, appendix A. The longitudinal center of gravity and airspeed envelopes as modified by reference 3 are shown in figures 1 and 2.

### HELICOPTER OBSERVATION OH-6A

2. The OH-6A aircraft is a four place, dual control, single engine observation helicopter. It incorporates a single 4-bladed main rotor, a 2-bladed tail rotor and an oleo-damped skid-type landing gear. The main rotor is fully articulated while the tail rotor is semi-rigid. The aircraft is powered by a single free turbine, turboshaft engine mounted in the aft fuselage section directly behind the cargo compartment.

3. The JOH-6A LCH is equipped with a T63-A-720 turbine engine having an uninstalled sea level rating of 420 shaft horsepower (SHP).

### DIMENSIONAL DATA

4. Primary dimensional data is presented in figures 3 and 4.

### WIRE STRIKE PROTECTION SYSTEM

5. The WSPS was installed in accordance with reference 3, appendix A. Major components are as follows:

a. An upper cutter assembly (photo 3) was installed on the cockpit roof and extended forward at a height of 9.2 inches above the roof. Supports were mounted on the upper cutter, 4 inches above the roof, and attached to the airframe at fuselage station (FS) 89.39 and on either side at buttline (BL) 9.8 left and right.



b. The lower cutter (photo 4) assembly was installed on the forward aircraft belly centerline. The assembly consists of the main cutter, the cutter extension and the support struts. The main cutter extended 10 inches below the aircraft fuselage. The cutter extension mounted to the main cutter via two shear rivets and extended an additional 3.5 inches below the main cutter. Support struts were mounted to the main cutter and to the airframe at FS 62.4 and BL 12.0 left and right.

c. The midsection deflector (photo 5) consists of 3 channels with inserts and two "U" shaped yokes. Channels with inserts and yokes provide a non-interrupted surface for cable deflection to either the upper or lower cutter assembly.

6. Detailed drawings of WSPS installation are presented in Bristol Aerospace, Limited, Drawing Nos. 441-83041 through 441-83045.

FIGURE 1  
AIRWORTHINESS RELEASE GROSS WEIGHT - - LONGITUDINAL  
CENTER-OF-GRAVITY ENVELOPE  
JOH-6A LCH (AH-6C)

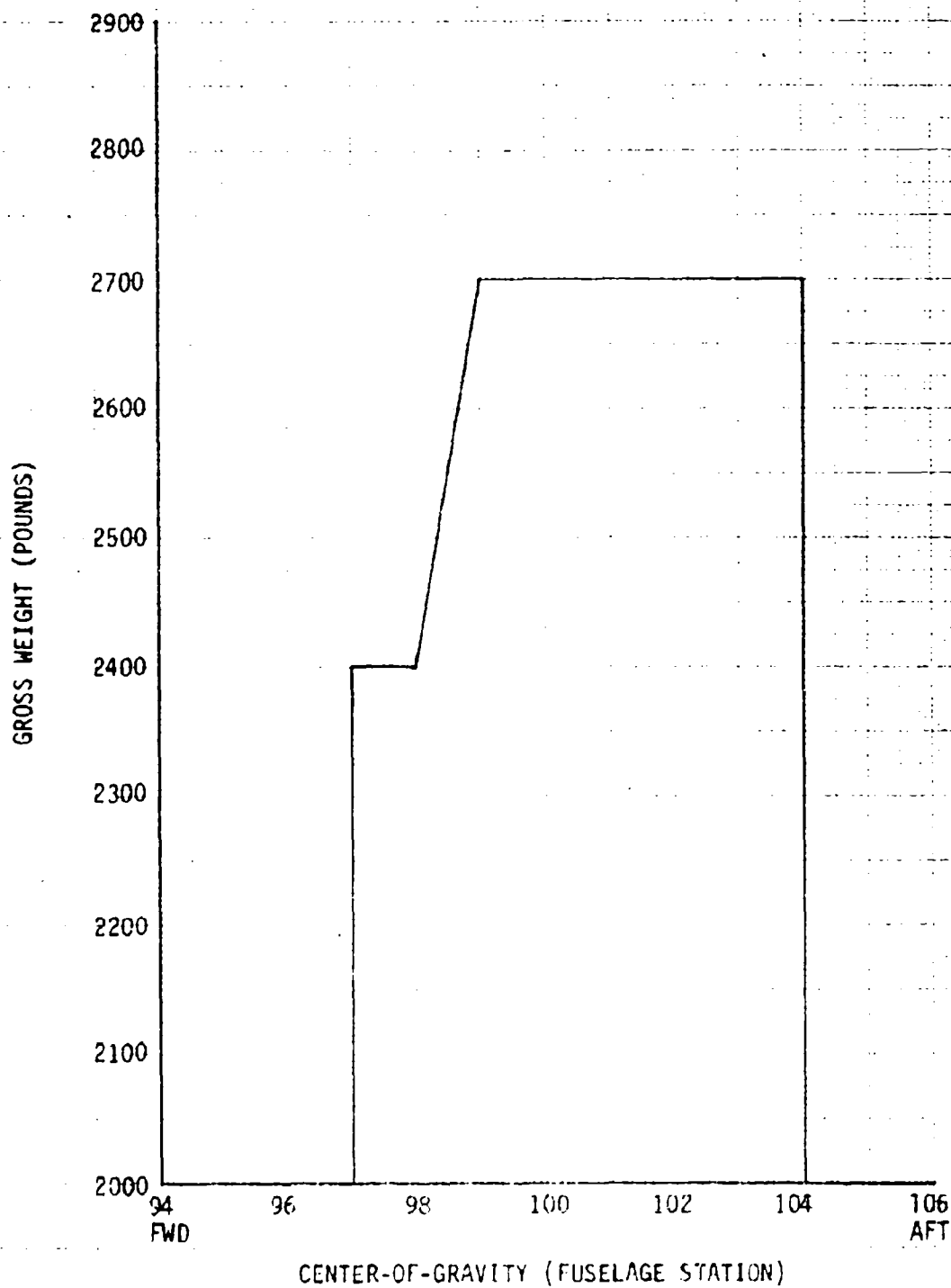
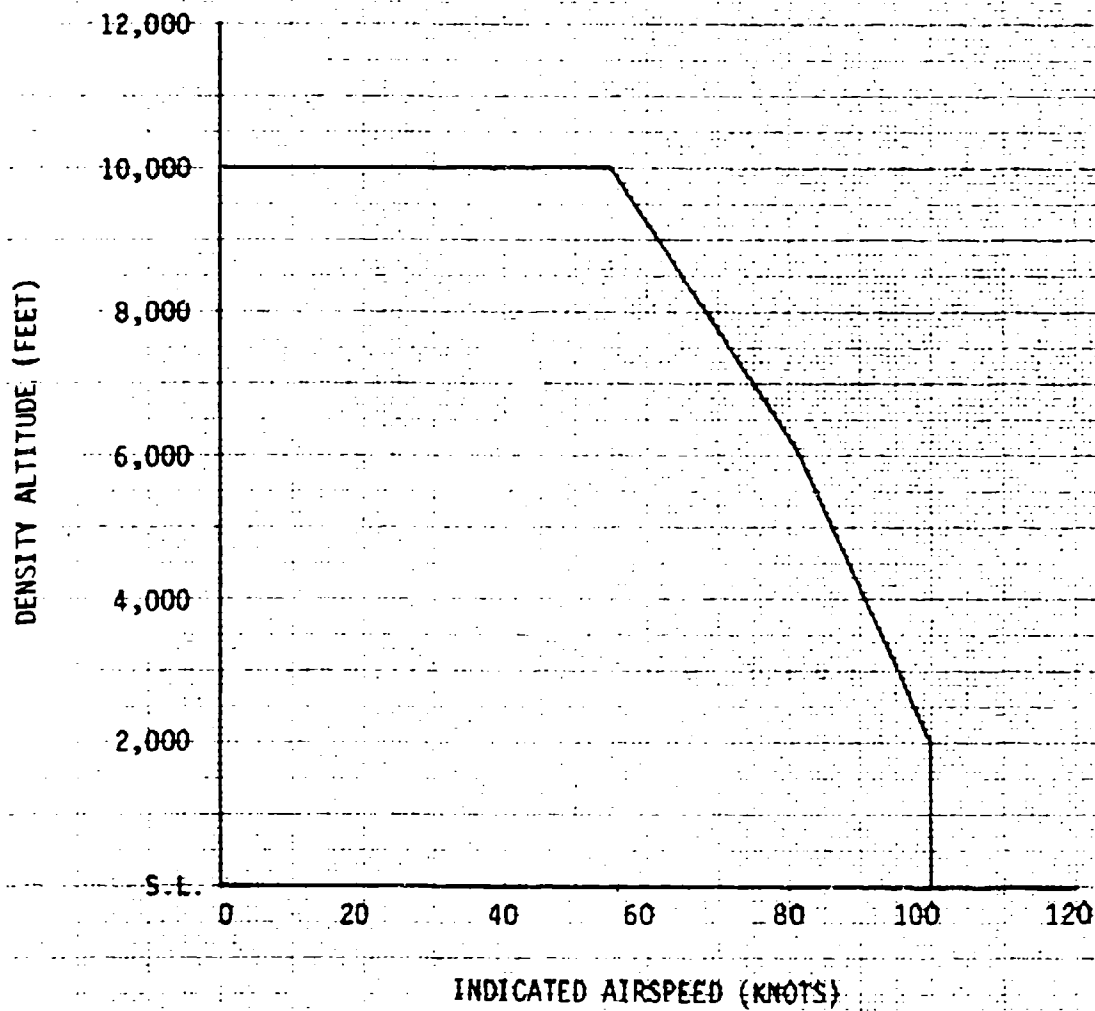


FIGURE 2  
AIRWORTHINESS RELEASE AIRSPEED LIMITS  
JCH-6A LCH (AH-6C)



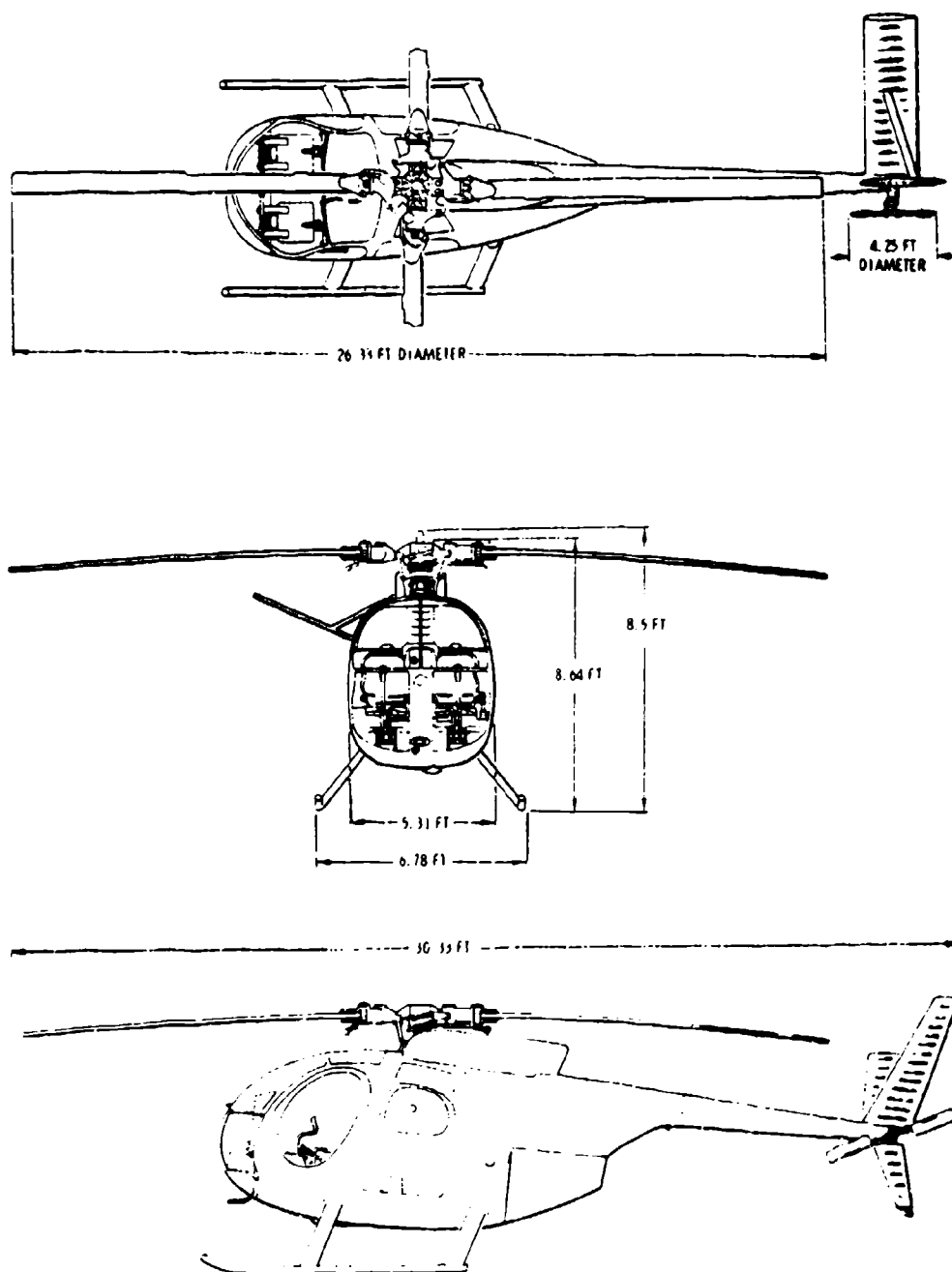


Figure 3. OH-6A Principal Dimensions



Figure 4. Ground and Rotor Clearances

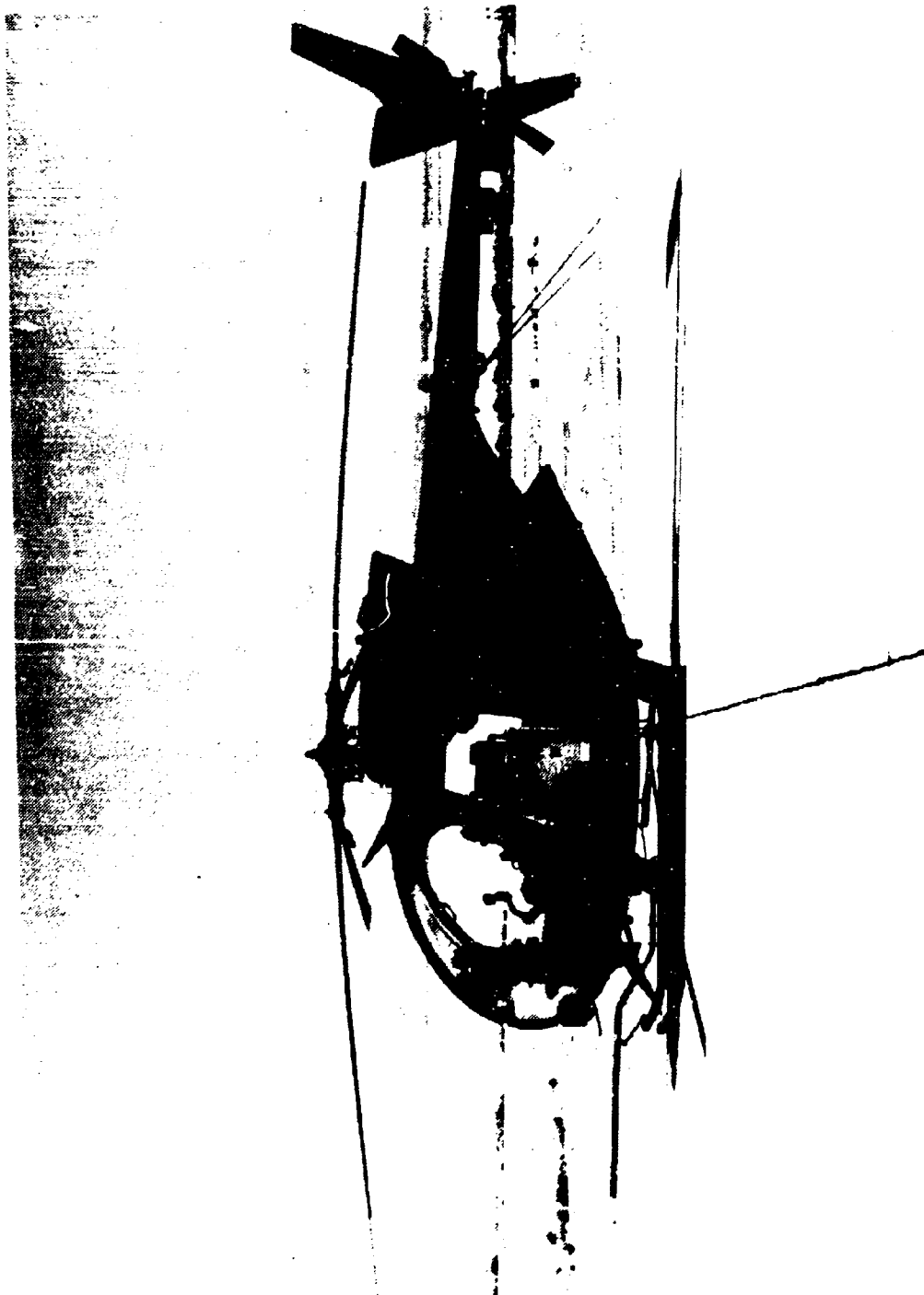


Photo 1. J011-6A (LCH) with WSPS Left Side View

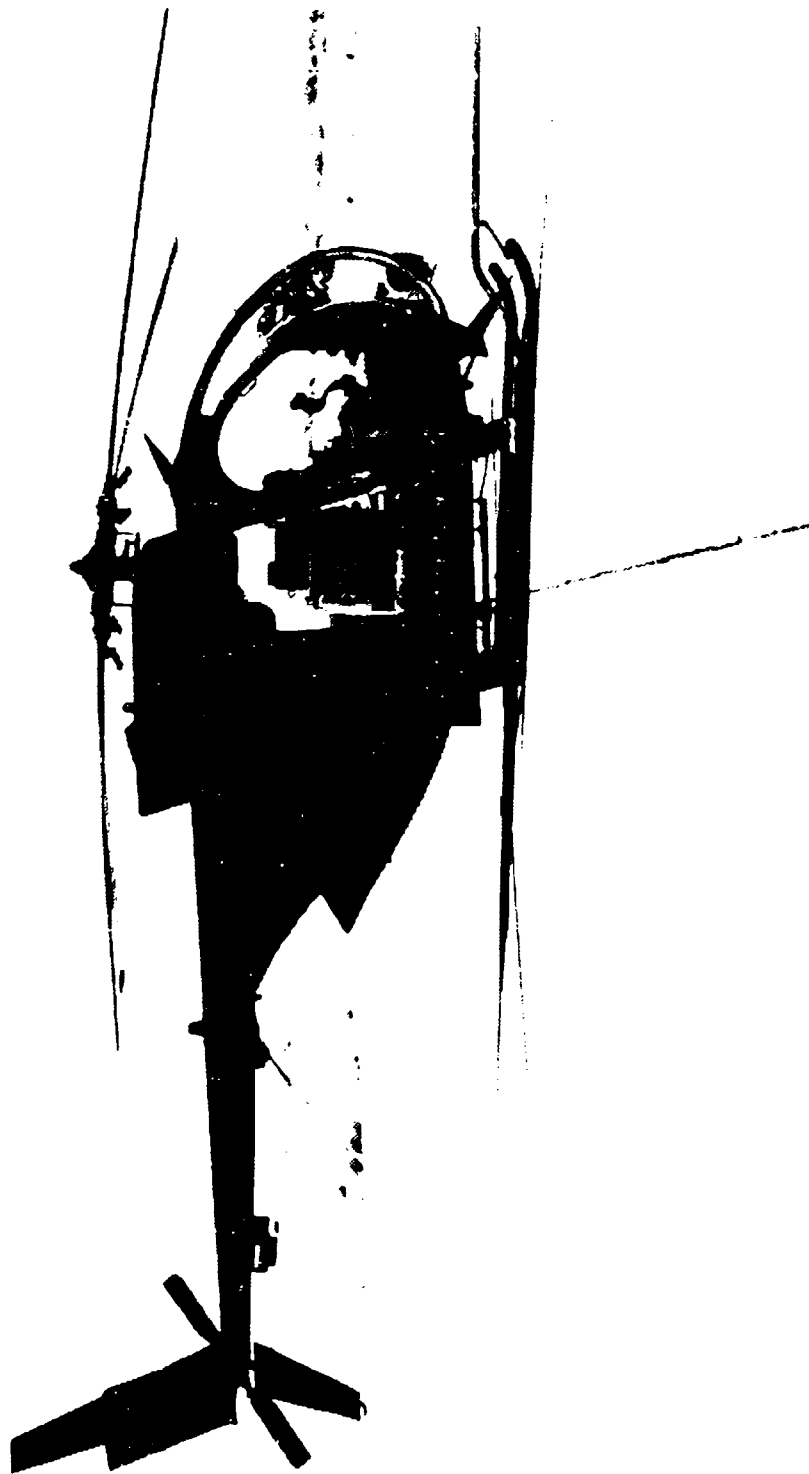


Photo 2. Joll-6A (LCH) with WSPS Right Side View

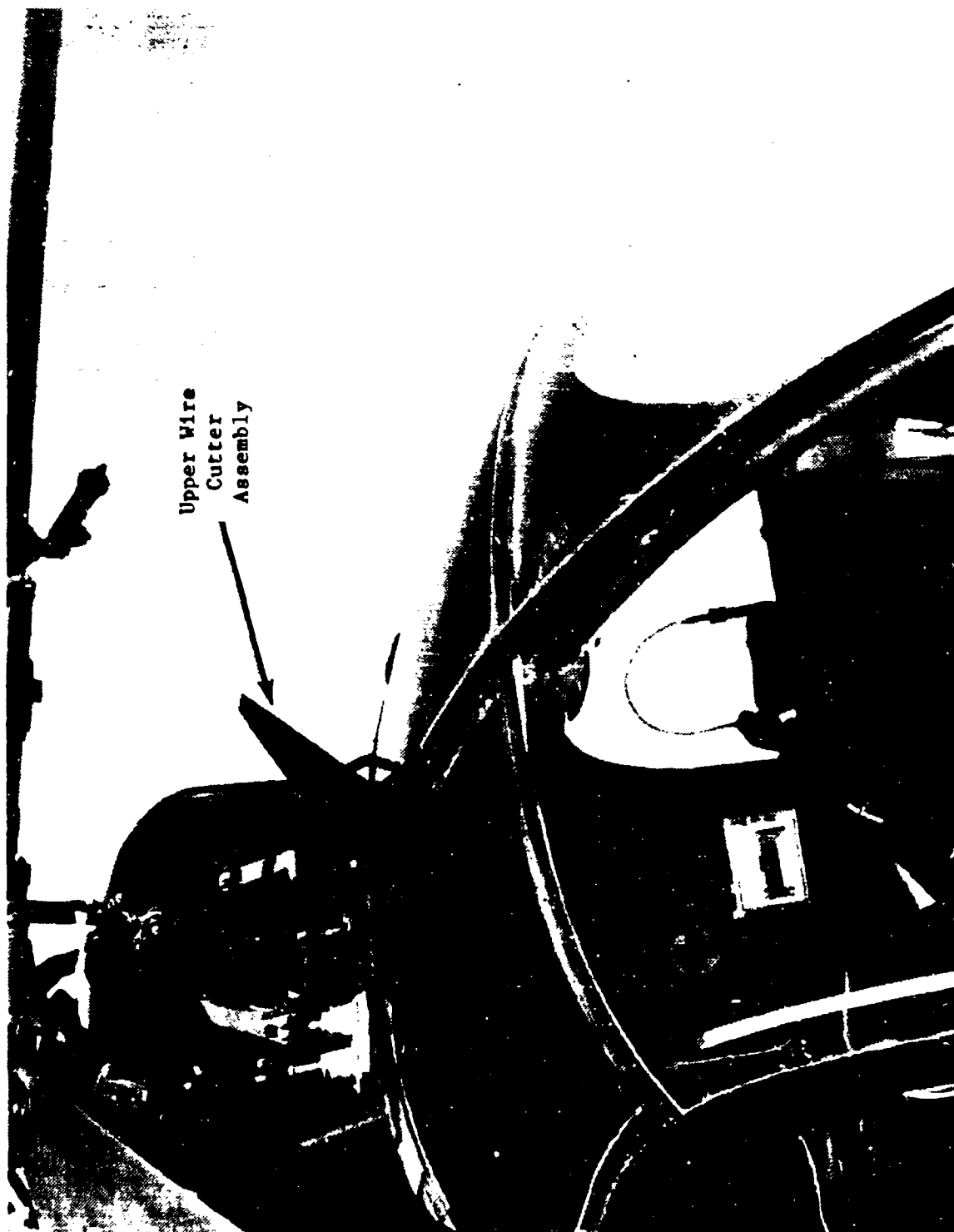


Photo 3. Upper Wire Cutter



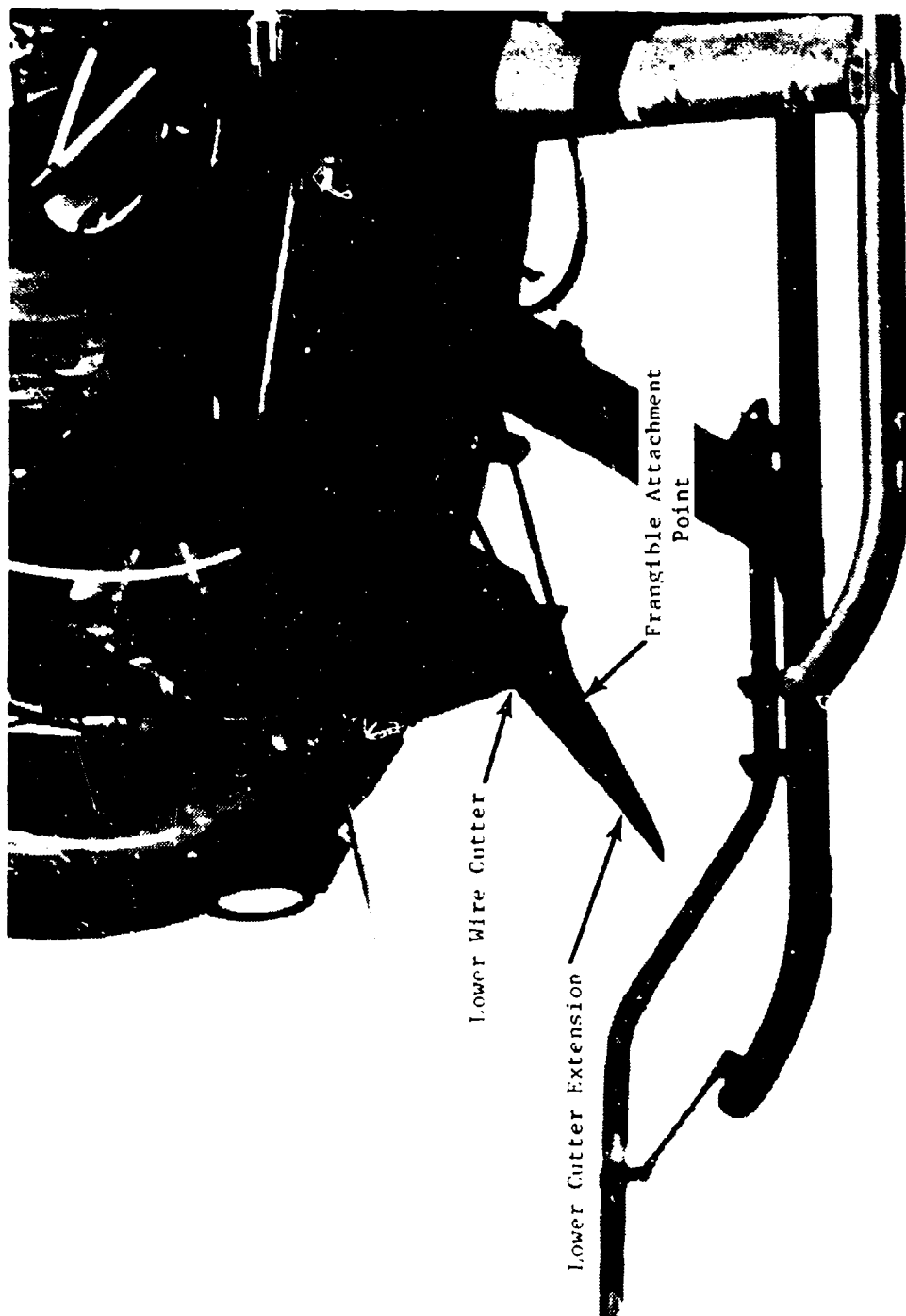


Photo 4. Lower Wire Cutter Assembly

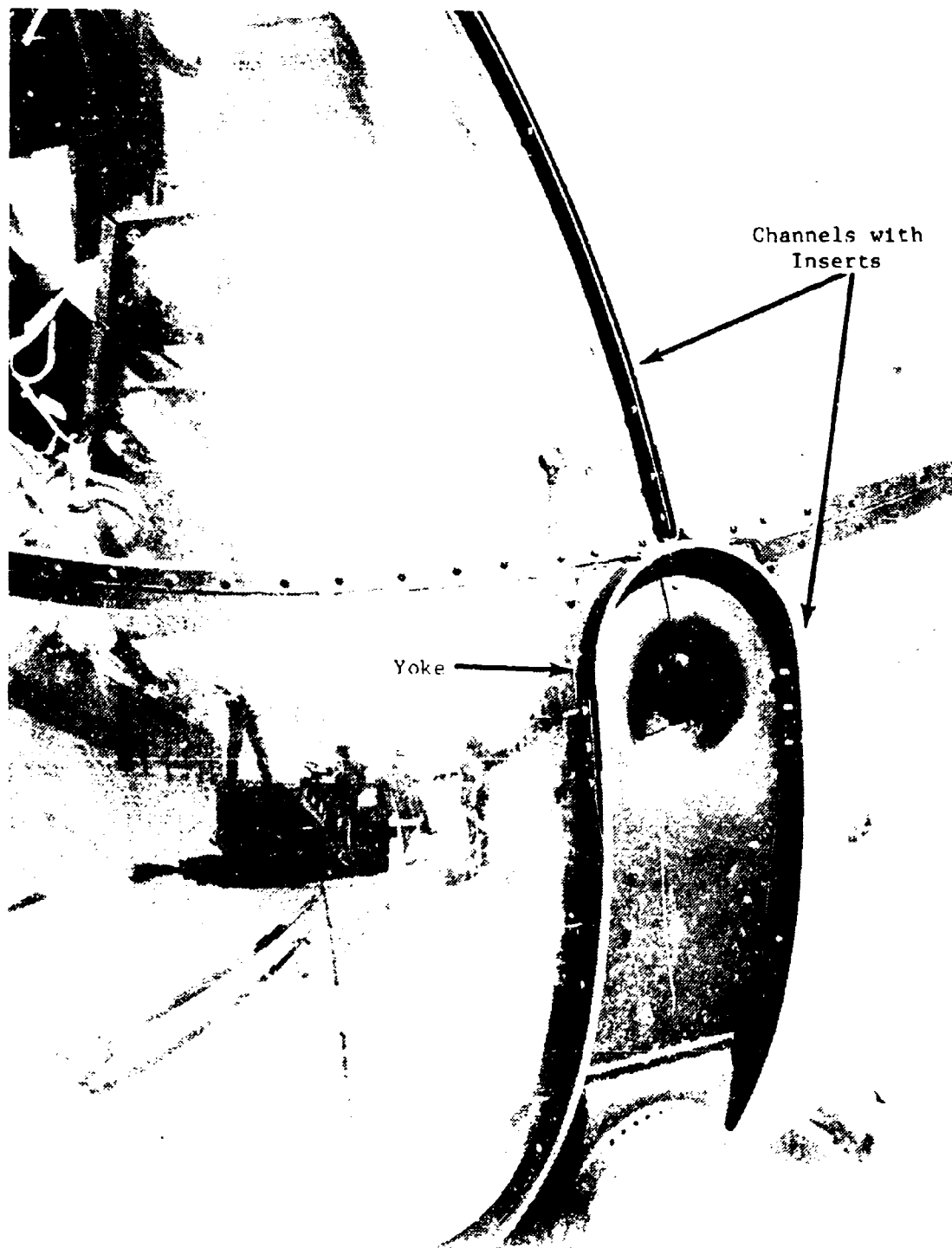


Photo 5. Mid Section Deflector Assembly

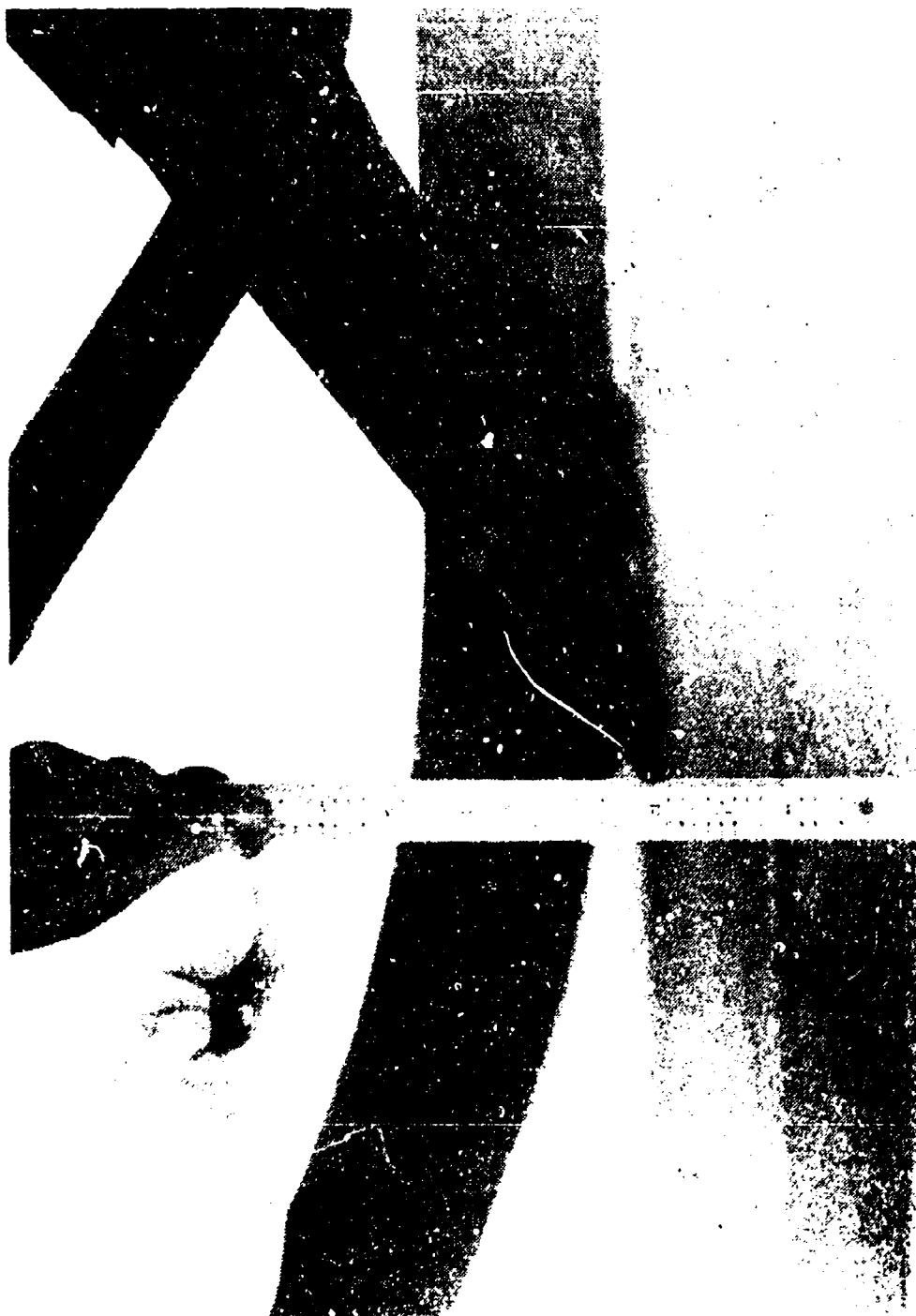


Photo 6. Lower Wire Cutter Ground Clearance

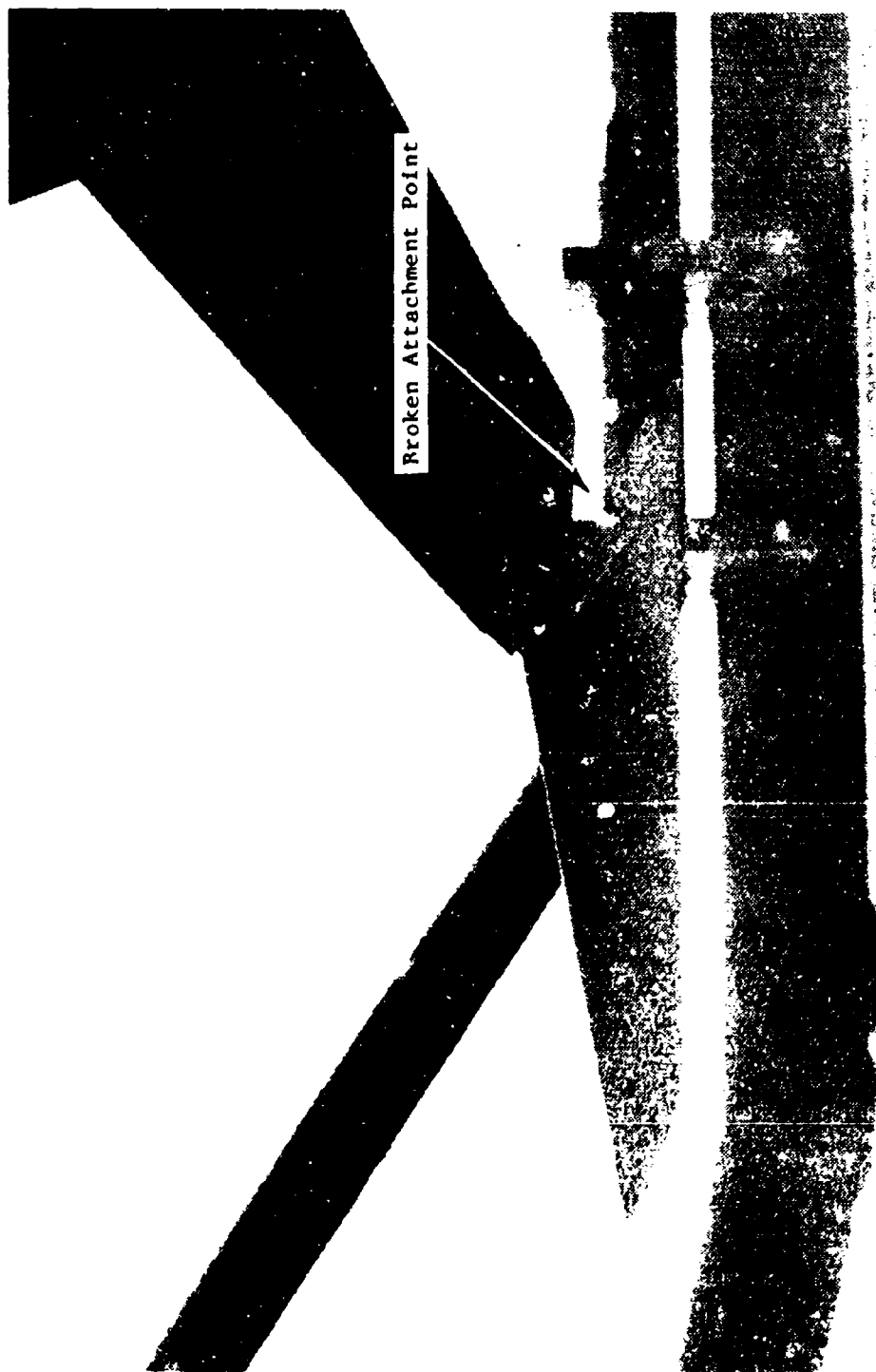


Photo 7. Damaged Lower Cutter After Run-On Landing



Photo 8. Infrared Landing Light Protrusion

## APPENDIX C. INSTRUMENTATION

1. The test instrumentation system was designed, calibrated, installed, and maintained by USAAEFA. Digital and analog data were obtained from calibrated instrumentation and were recorded on magnetic tape and/or displayed in the cockpit. The instrumentation system consisted of various transducers, signal conditioning units, a ten-bit PCM encoder, and an Ampex AR 700 tape recorder. Time correlation was accomplished with a pilot/engineer event switch and onboard recorded and displayed Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG) B format time of day. Various specialized test indicators displayed data to the pilot and engineer continuously during the flight. A boom with the following sensors was mounted on the right skid tube of the aircraft: swiveling pitot-static head, sideslip vane, and angle-of-attack vane. Photos 1 through 3 show the instrumentation installation. The boom airspeed system calibration is shown in figures 1 through 3.

2. The following parameters were displayed on calibrated instruments in the cockpit:

- Airspeed (boom)
- Airspeed (ship's system)
- Altitude (boom)
- Rotor speed
- Engine torque
- Fuel flow rate
- Fuel used (totalizer)
- Outside air temperature
- Normal acceleration
- Angle of sideslip
- Vertical velocity
- Time of day
- Record counter

3. The following parameters were recorded on magnetic tape:

- Time code
- Run number
- Pilot/engineer event
- Fuel used
- Airspeed (boom)
- Altitude (boom)
- Main rotor speed
- Outside air temperature
- Angle of sideslip
- Angle-of-attack
- Engine torque
- Turbine outlet temperature

Gas producer speed  
Power turbine output shaft speed  
Fuel flow rate  
Control positions  
    Longitudinal  
    Lateral  
    Directional  
    Collective  
Aircraft attitudes and rates  
    Pitch  
    Roll  
    Yaw  
Aircraft center of gravity linear accelerations  
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    Lateral  
    Normal  
Pilot seat accelerations  
    Longitudinal  
    Lateral  
    Vertical



Photo 1. Instrument Panel with Test Instrumentation



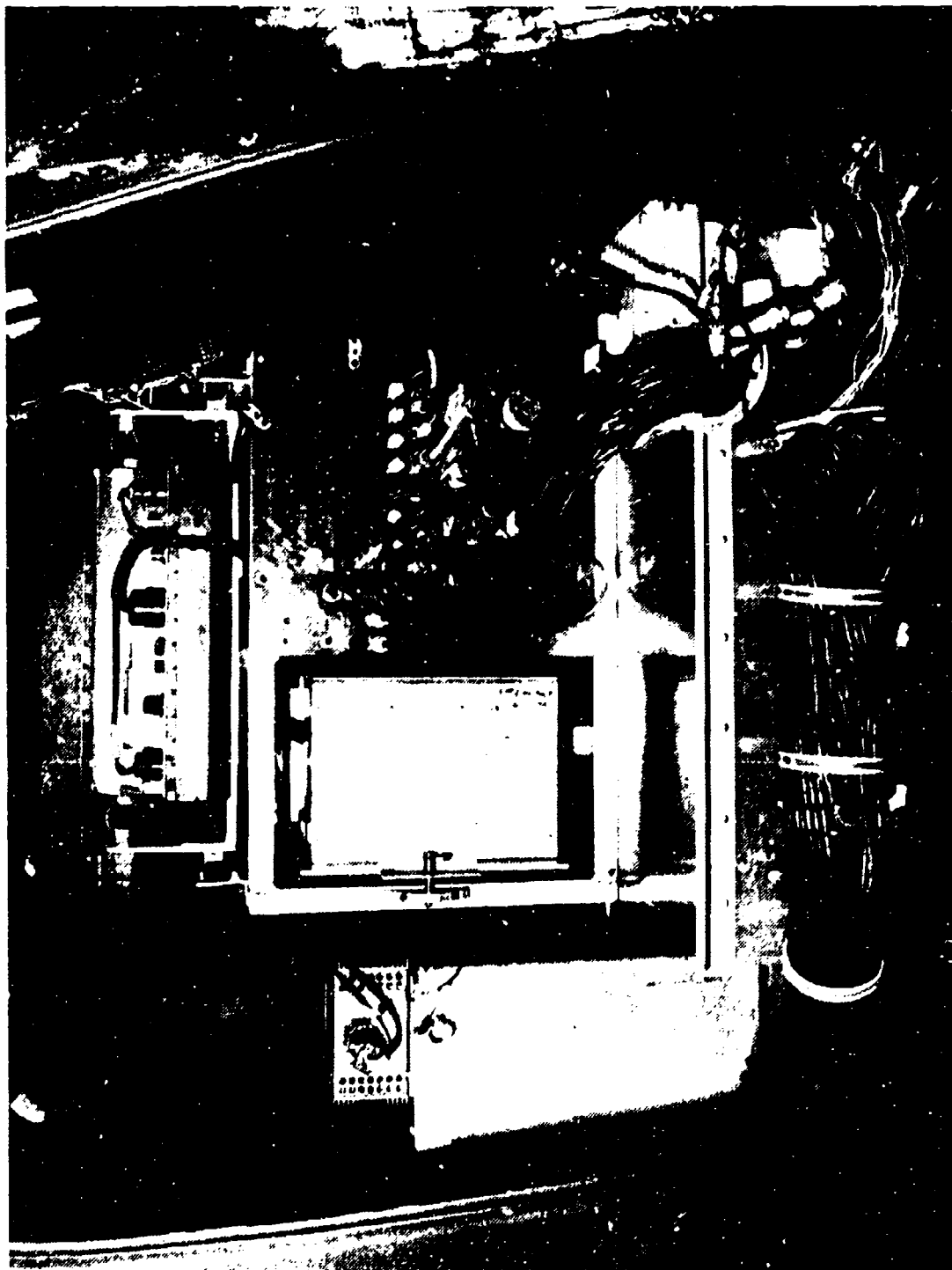


Photo 2. Instrumentation and Data Recording Package Installation

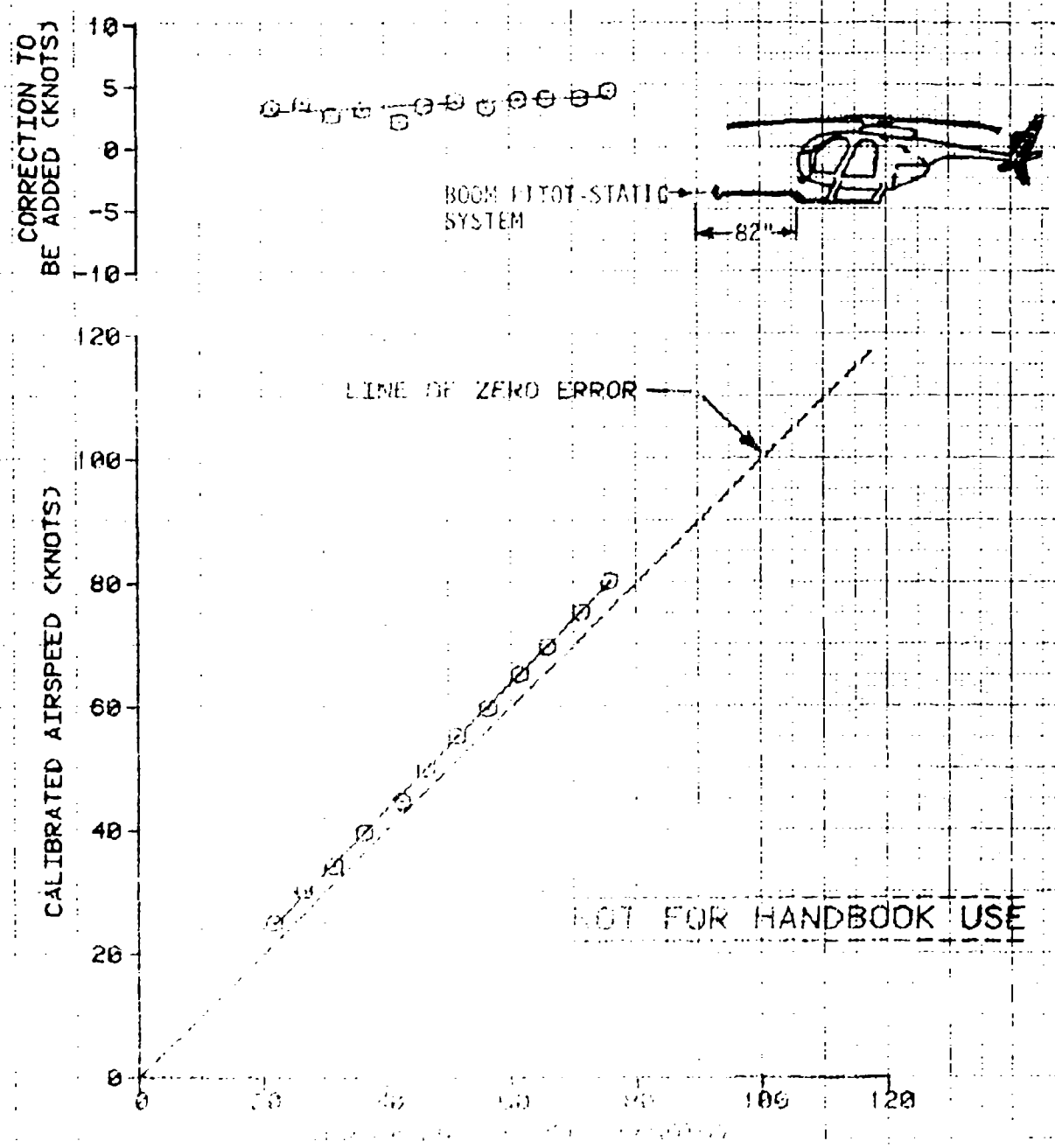


Photo 3. Airspeed Boom (Attached to Right Skid)

# FIGURE BOOM AIRSPEED CALIBRATION

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	FLIGHT CONDITION
2500	98.8(FWD)	7380	25.0	483	LEVEL
	LONG (F/S)	LAT (BL)			

NOTE - TRAILING BOMB METHOD



# FIGURE 2 BOOM AIRSPEED CALIBRATION

JOH-BA LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 69-16054

SYM	AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LONG (FUS)	AVG CG LOCATION LAT (CBL)	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG QAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	FLIGHT CONDITION
EG	2400	98.8 (FWD)	0.5 RT	7720	24.5	483	CLIMB 800 FT/MIN
EG	2540	98.8 (FWD)	0.5 RT	8080	23.5	483	CLIMB 1000 FT/MIN

NOTE: TRAILING BOMB METHOD

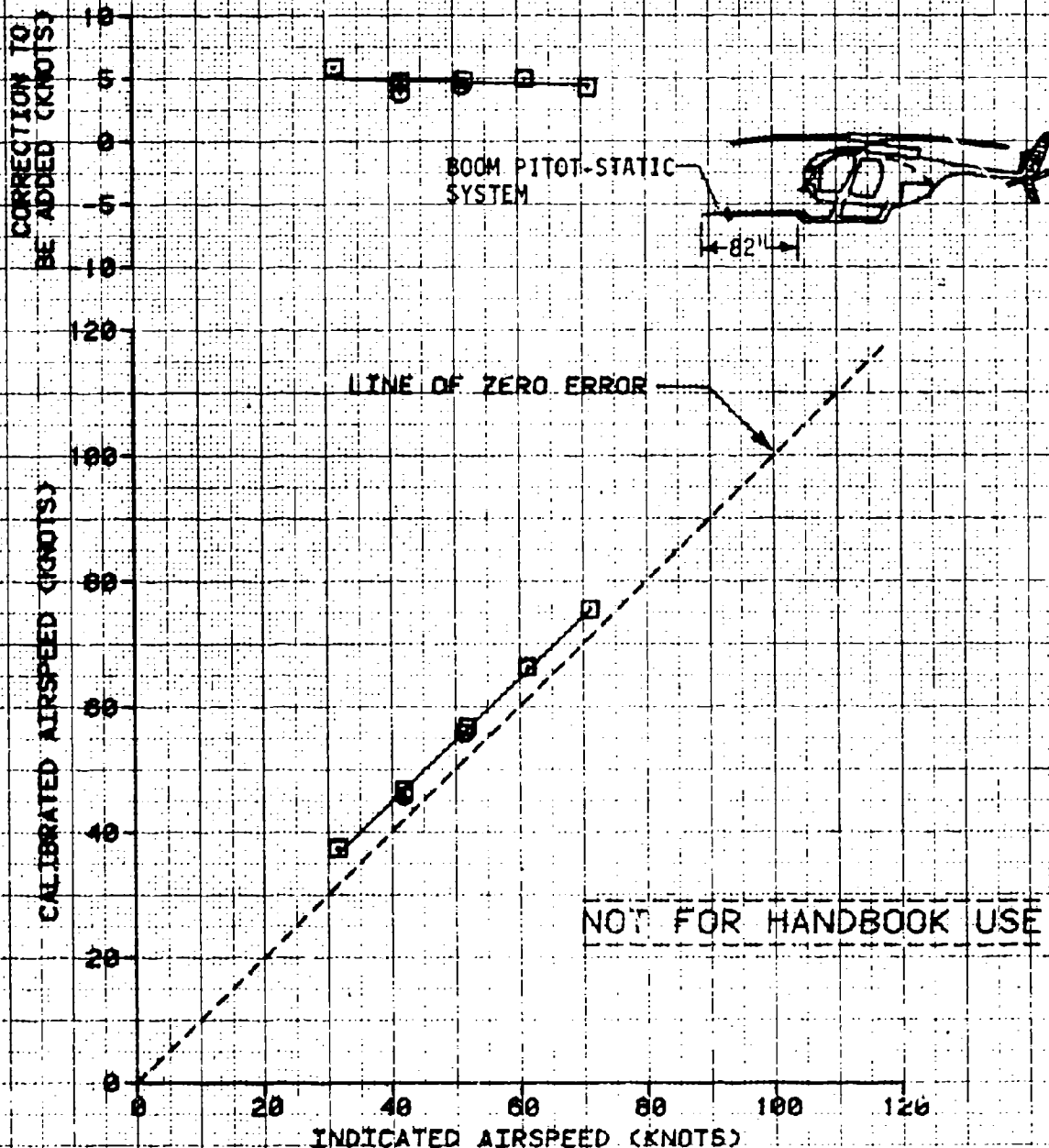
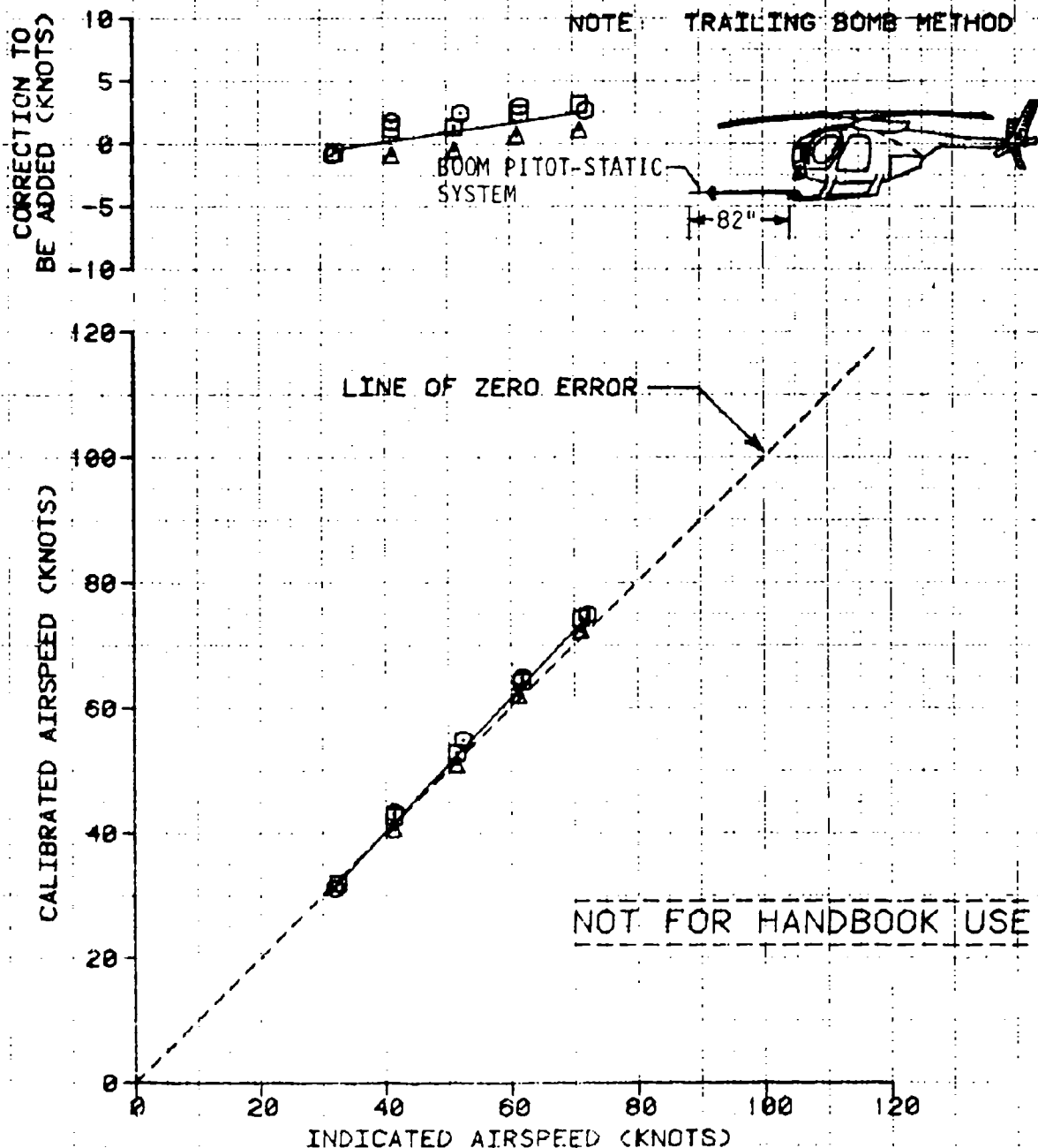


FIGURE 3

BOOM AIRSPEED CALIBRATION

JOH-5A LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 69-18054

SYM	AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FCS)	AVG CG LOCATION LAT (CL)	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	FLIGHT CONDITION
○	2460	98.8 (FWD)	0.5RT	7320	24.5	483	500 FT/MIN
□	2520	98.8 (FWD)	0.5RT	7620	23.5	483	1000 FT/MIN
△	2500	98.8 (FWD)	0.5RT	7540	24.5	482	AUTOROTATION



# APPENDIX D. TEST TECHNIQUES AND DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

## HANDLING QUALITIES

1. Stability and control data were collected and evaluated using standard test methods as described in reference 5, appendix A. Definitions of deficiencies and shortcomings used during this test are shown below.

a. Deficiency. A defect or malfunction discovered during the life cycle of an item of equipment that constitutes a safety hazard to personnel; will result in serious damage to the equipment if operation is continued; or indicates improper design or other cause of failure of an item or part, which seriously impairs the equipment's operational capability.

b. Shortcoming. An imperfection or malfunction occurring during the life cycle of equipment which must be reported and which should be corrected to increase efficiency and to render the equipment completely serviceable. It will not cause an immediate breakdown, jeopardize safe operation, or materially reduce the usability of the material or end product.

## AIRPEED CALIBRATION

2. The boom and ships pitot-static system was calibrated by using the trailing bomb method to determine the airspeed position error. Calibrated airspeed ( $V_{cal}$ ) was obtained by correcting indicated airspeed ( $V_i$ ) using instrument ( $\Delta V_{ic}$ ) and position ( $\Delta V_{pc}$ ) error corrections.

$$V_{cal} = V_i + \Delta V_{ic} + \Delta V_{pc} \quad (1)$$

## Weight and Balance

3. Prior to testing, the aircraft gross weight and center of gravity (cg) location were determined by using calibrated scales. The aircraft was weighed with full instrumentation on board, wire strike protection system installed, without fuel, and was in the light combat helicopter configuration except for the rocket pod and mount. The aircraft could not be weighed with the rocket pod and mount installed since the rocket pod mount utilizes the aircraft jacking point. The aircraft weight was calculated to be 1903 pounds after addition of the rocket pod and mount weights, with a longitudinal cg location at fuselage station 103.63 and a lateral cg location at buttline 0.50 right.

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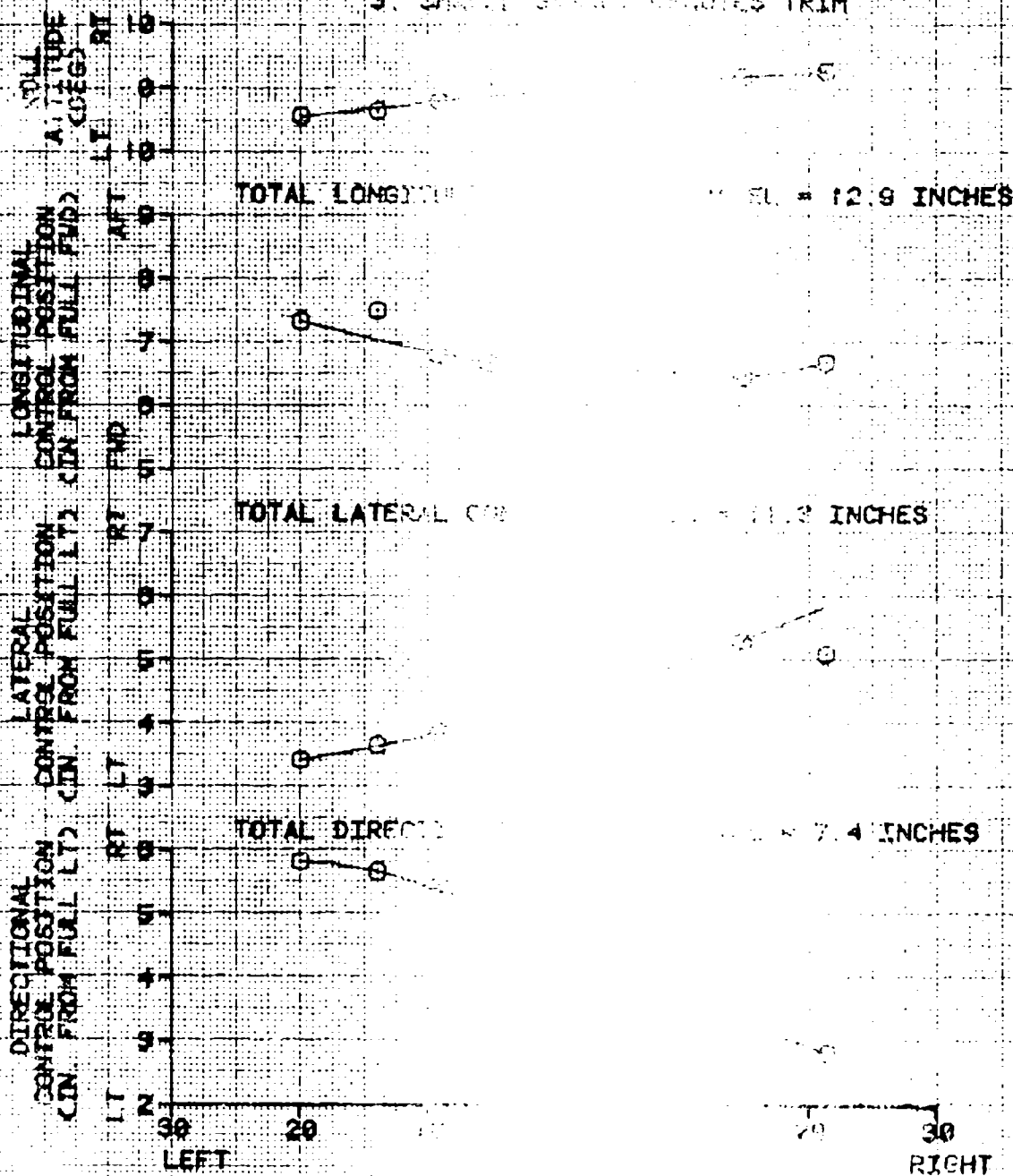
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AVG  
CALIBRATED  
AIRSPEED  
(KTS)  
60

NOTES: 1. 100% OF THE TOTAL TRIM LEVEL  
2. 100% OF THE TOTAL TRIM LEVEL

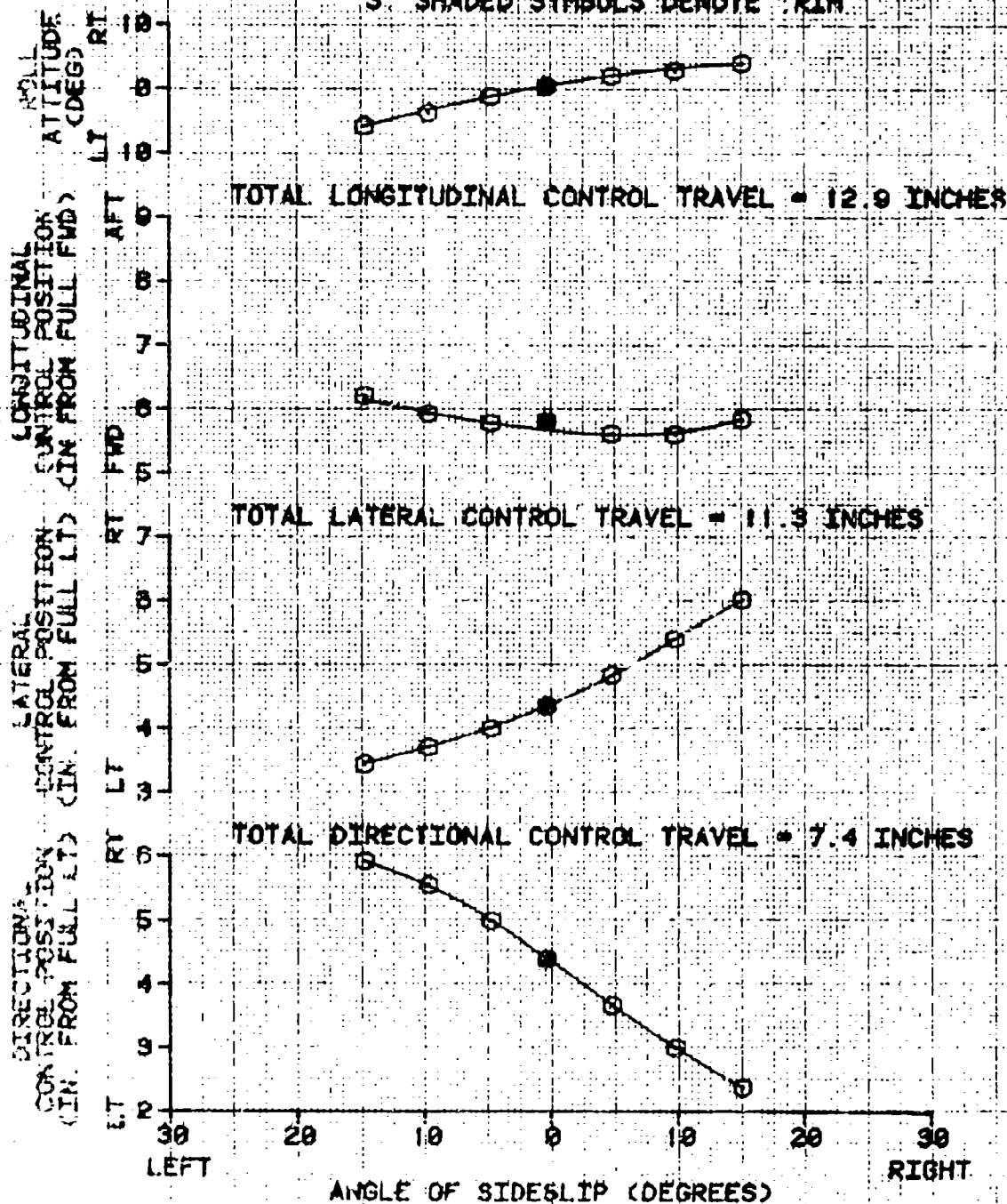




**FIGURE 2**  
**STATIC LATERAL-DIRECTIONAL STABILITY**  
 JOH-6A LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 60-10054

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION LONG (F8)	AVG CG LOCATION LAT (EL)	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG D/T (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	AVG CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (KTS)
2810	99.0 (FWD)	0.5 RT	8070	21.5	484	70

- NOTES: 1. TRIM FLIGHT CONDITION, LEVEL  
 2. WSPS INSTALLED  
 3. SHADED SYMBOLS DENOTE TRIM



**FIGURE 3**  
**STATIC LATERAL-DIRECTIONAL STABILITY**  
 JON-6A LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 69-16054

<b>AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LBS)</b>	<b>AVG CG LOCATION</b>	<b>AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)</b>	<b>AVG OAT (DEG C)</b>	<b>AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)</b>	<b>AVG CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (KTS)</b>
2669	LONG (FWS) 99.0 (FWD) LAT (BL) 0.5 RT	7200	20.0	484	60

- NOTES: 1. TRIM FLIGHT CONDITION: CLIMB  
 2. WSPS INSTALLED  
 3. SHADED SYMBOLS DENOTE TRIM

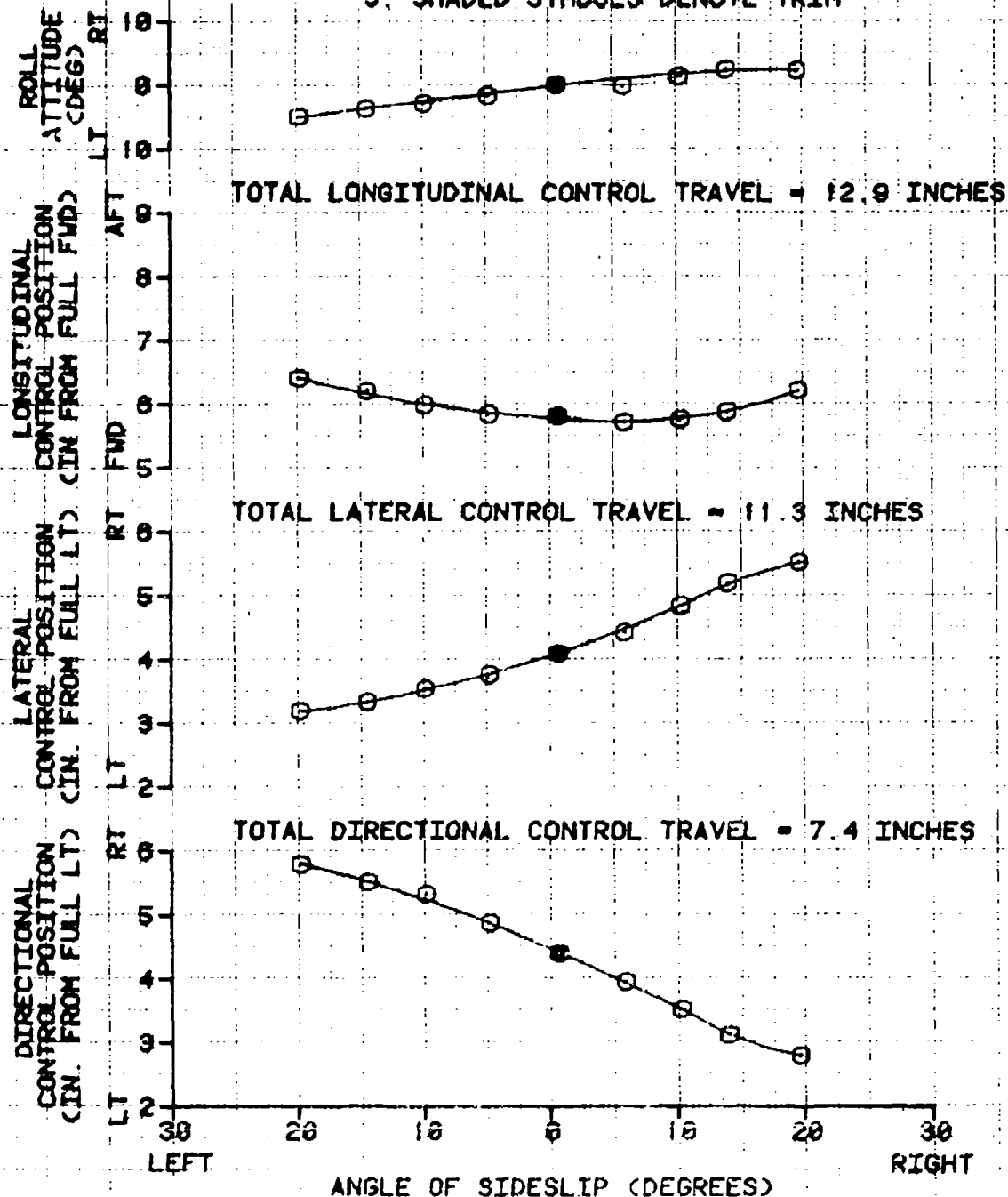


FIGURE 4  
**STATIC LATERAL-DIRECTIONAL STABILITY**  
 JOH-BA LCH (AH-60) USA S/N 69-18054

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FWS)	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	AVG CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (KTS)
2580	99.8 (FWD)	0.5 RT	20.5	483	59

NOTES: 1. TRIM FLIGHT CONDITION: AUTOROTATION  
 2. WSPS INSTALLED  
 3. SHADED SYMBOLS DENOTE TRIM

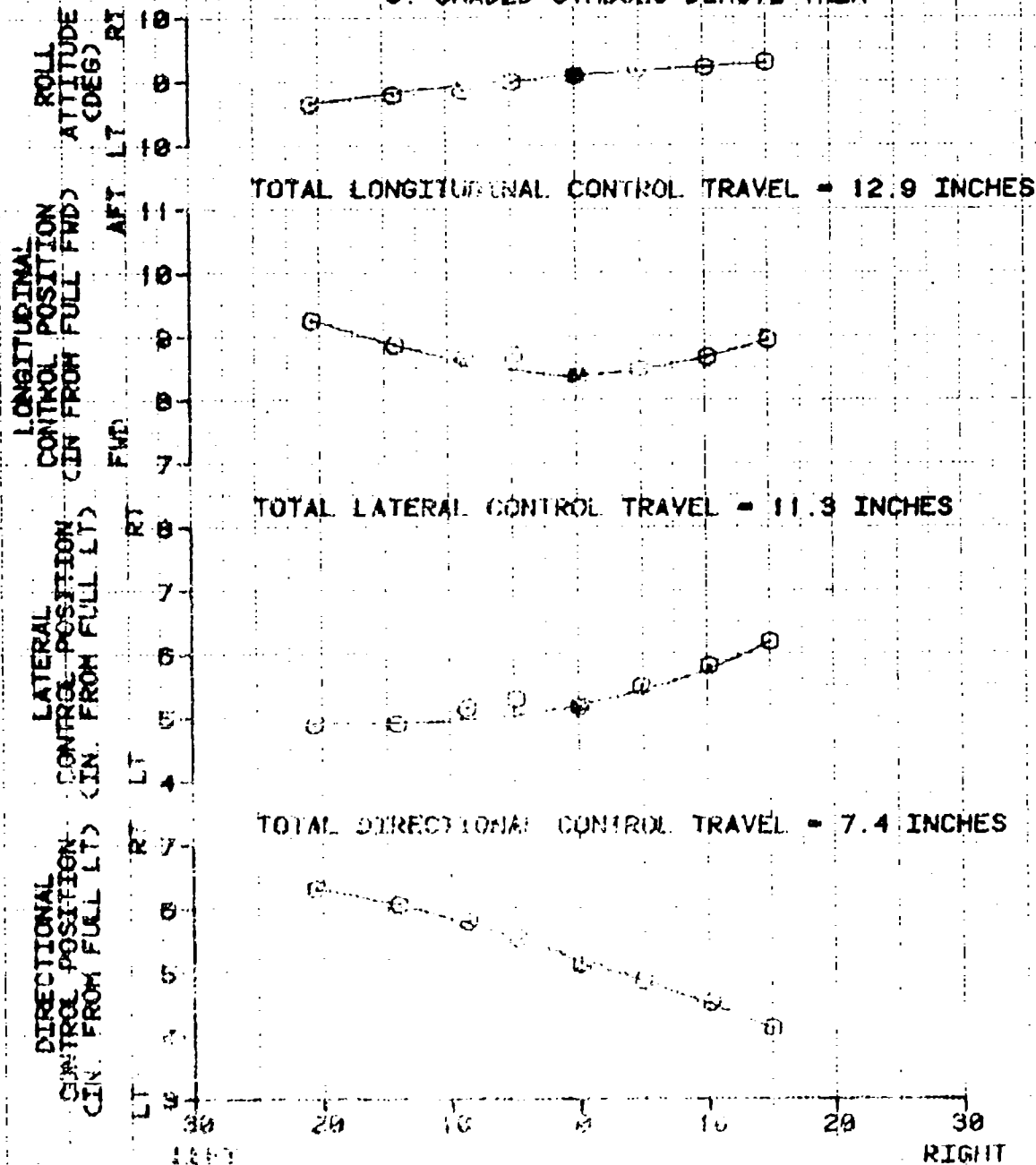


FIGURE 5

PEDAL DOUBLET

JOH-84 LCH (14-8C) USA S/N 80-10854

FLIGHT  
CONDITION

TRIM  
CALIBRATED  
AIRSPEED  
(KNOTS)  
55

TRIM  
ROTOR  
SPEED  
(RPM)  
400

AVG  
OAT  
(DEG C)  
28.5

TRIM  
DENSITY  
ALTITUDE  
(FEET)  
7100

AVG CS  
LOCATION  
LAT (BL)  
0.5

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2040

AVG  
LONG  
(FMS)  
80.8(FWD)

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2040

AVG  
LONG  
(FMS)  
80.8(FWD)

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
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(FMS)  
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AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
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LONG  
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80.8(FWD)

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2040

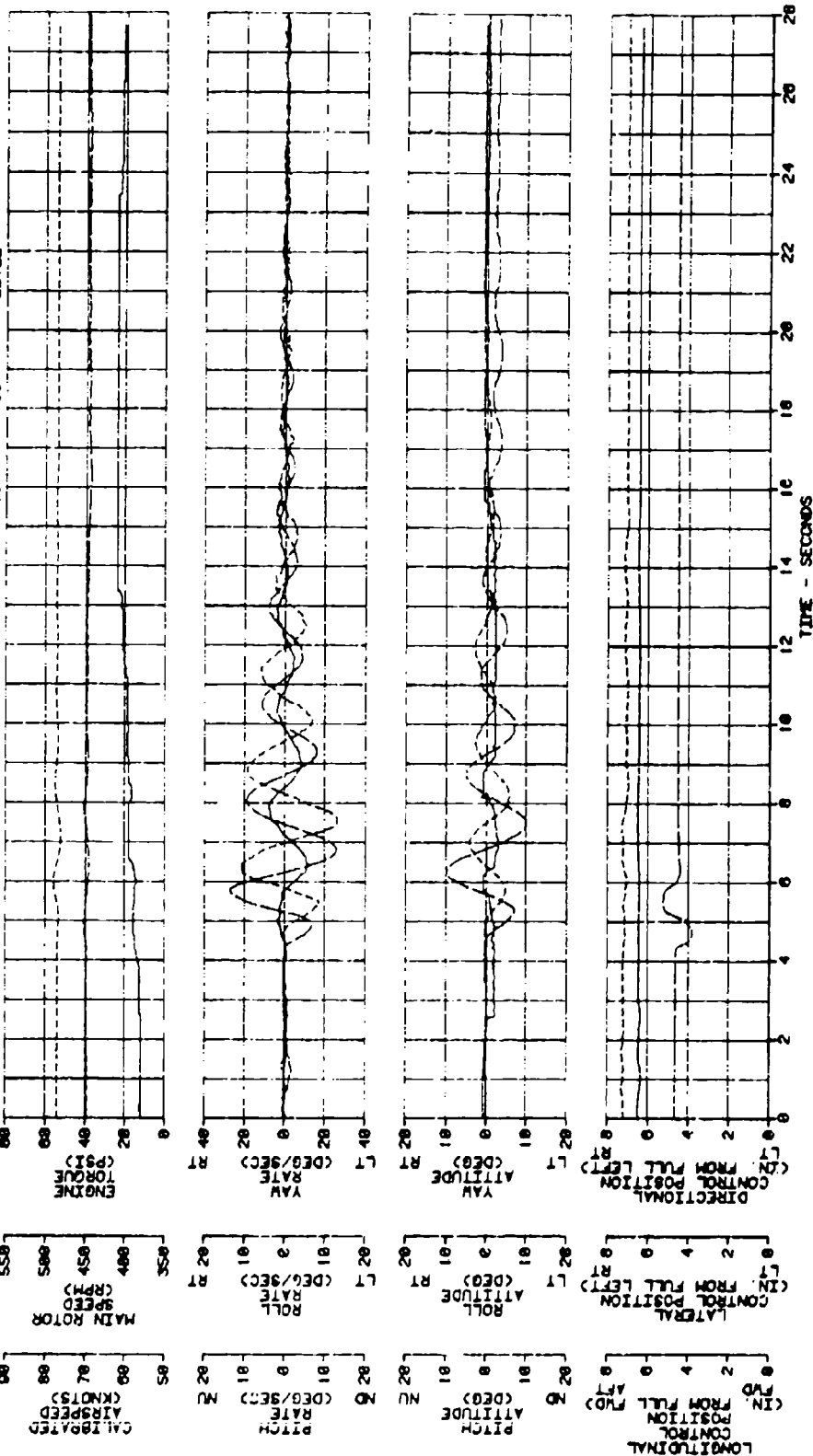


FIGURE 6  
PEDAL DOUBLET

JOH-6A LCN (44-6C) USA S/N 69-16654

FLIGHT  
CONDITION

TRIM  
CALIBRATED  
AIRSPEED  
(KNOTS)  
75

AVG  
OAT  
SPEED  
(RPM)  
485

TRIM  
DENSITY  
ALTITUDE  
(FEET)  
7240

AVG CG  
LOCATION  
LONG  
(FS)  
0.5

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2836

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2836

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2836

AVG  
GROSS  
WEIGHT  
(LB)  
2836

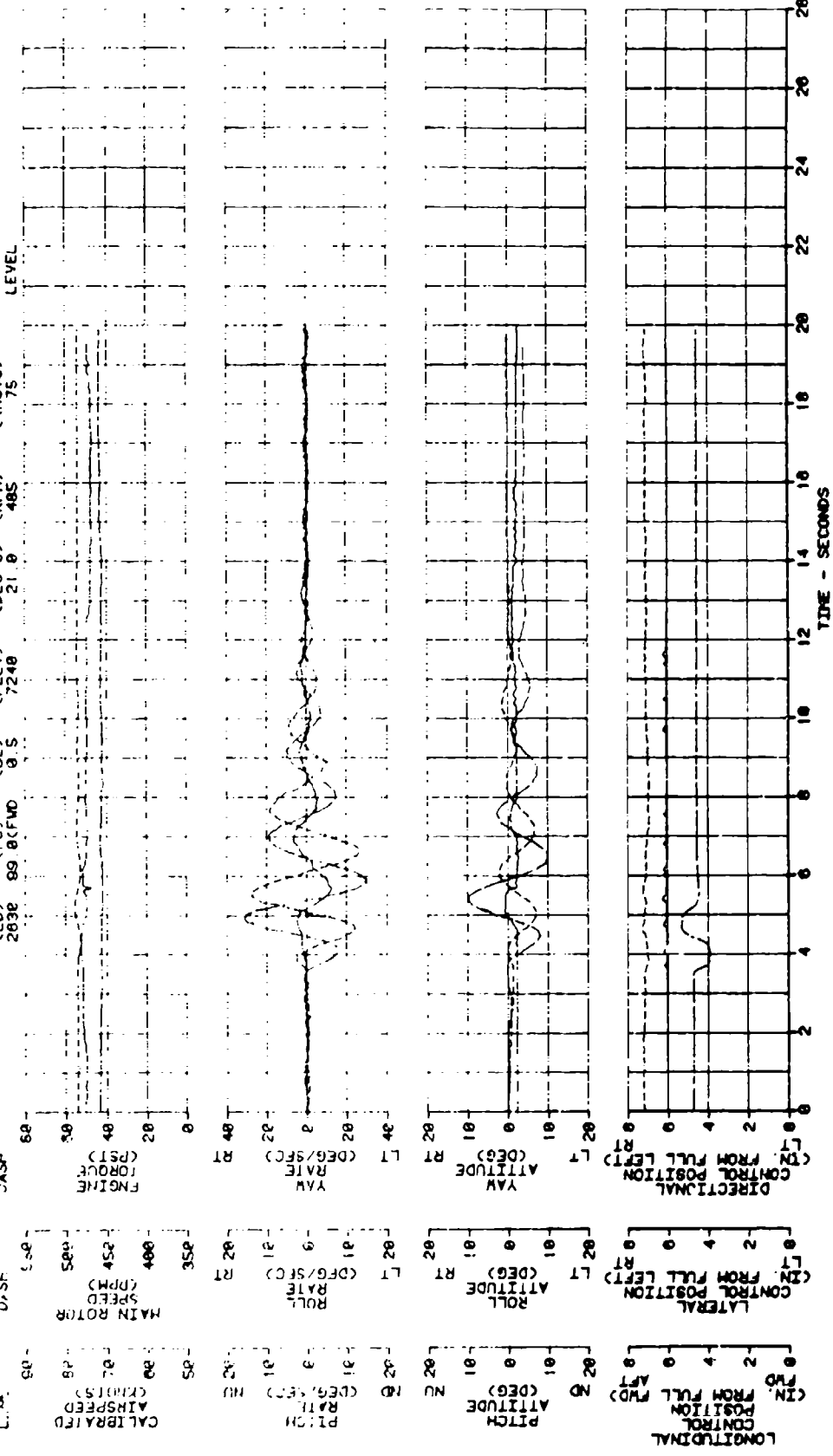


FIGURE 7  
PEDAL DOUBLET

JOH-6A LCH (AH-8C) USA S/N 69-10654  
 AVG CG TRIM DENSITY OAT TRIM TRIM  
 GROSS WEIGHT (LB) 2610 88 8(FWD) 8.5 7400  
 LONG DASH ENGINE TORQUE (PSI) 80 60 40 20 0  
 SHORT DASH MAIN ROTOR SPEED (RPM) 550 500 450 400 350  
 SOLID LINE CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (KNOTS) 80 70 60 50  
 TRIM CALIBRATED AIRSPEED (KNOTS) 60  
 TRIM ROTOR SPEED (RPM) 483  
 AVG ALTITUDE (DEG C) 20 5  
 CLING

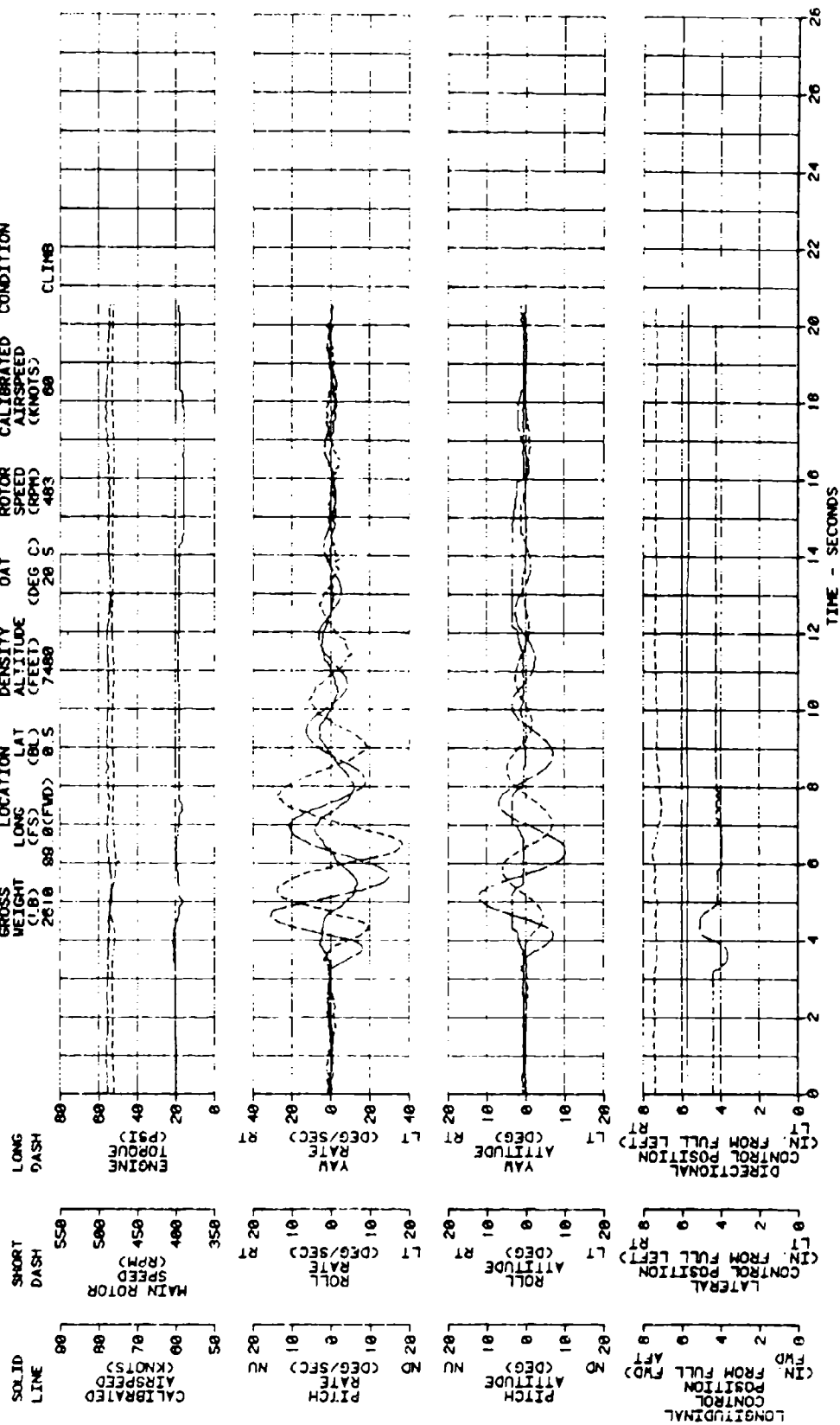


FIGURE 8  
LOW SPEED FORWARD AND REARWARD FLIGHT  
JOH-8A LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 69-18864

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	SKID HEIGHT (FT)
2850	99.2 (FWD)	8.5 RT	3590	22.2	485

- NOTES: 1. I DENOTES EXTREME TRAVEL FROM TRIM DURING ATTEMPTED STABILIZED POINT  
2. WIND CONDITIONS LESS THAN 5 KNOTS  
3. WSPS INSTALLED

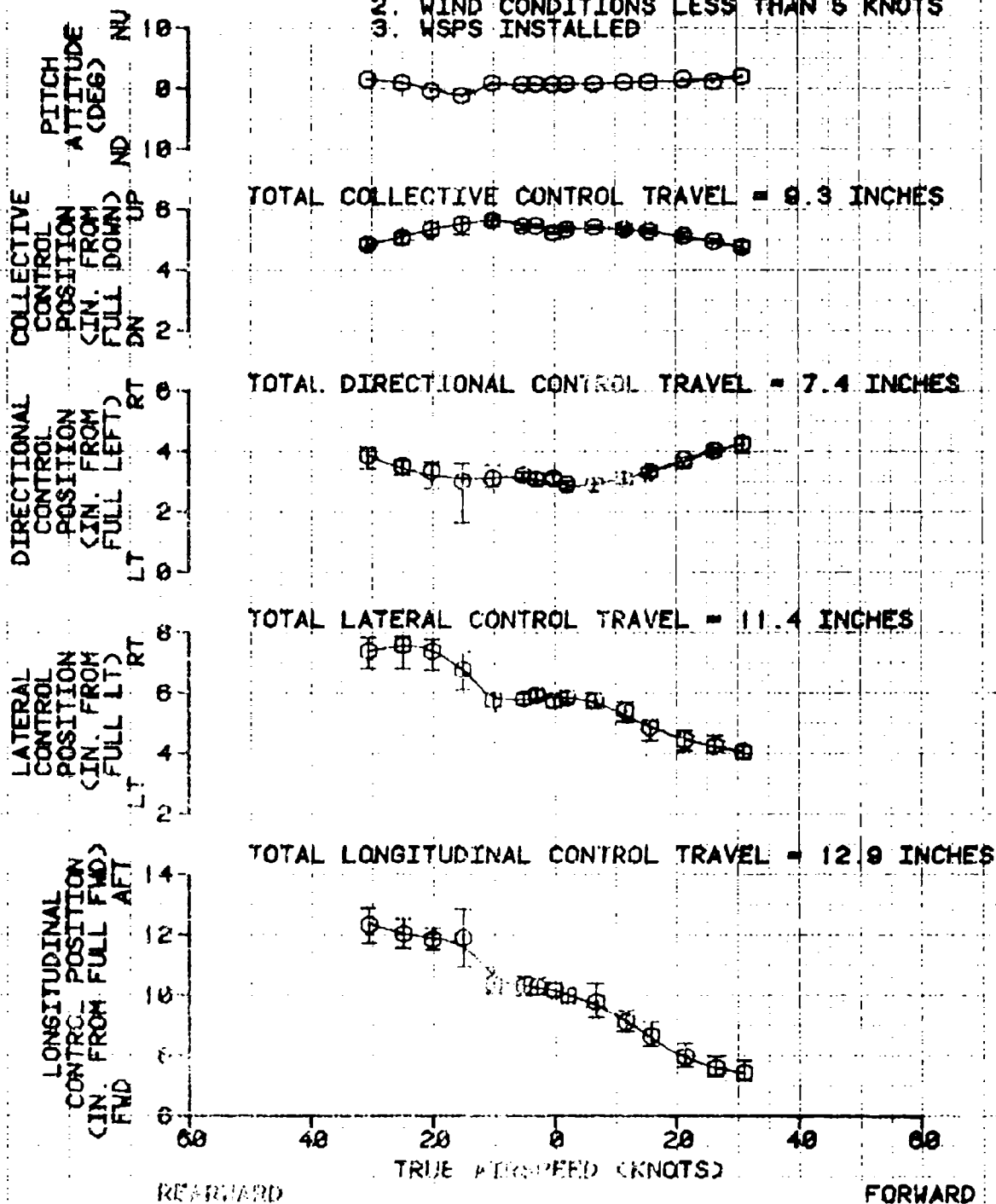


FIGURE 9  
SIDEWARD FLIGHT

JOH-BA LCH (AH-6C) USA S/N 60-16054

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	SKID HEIGHT (FT)
2670	60.1 (FWD)	815 RT 3430	20.5	484	5

NOTES: 1. 1 DENOTES EXTREME TRAVEL FROM TRIM DURING ATTEMPTED STABILIZED POINT  
2. WIND CONDITIONS LESS THAN 5 KNOTS  
3. WSPS INSTALLED

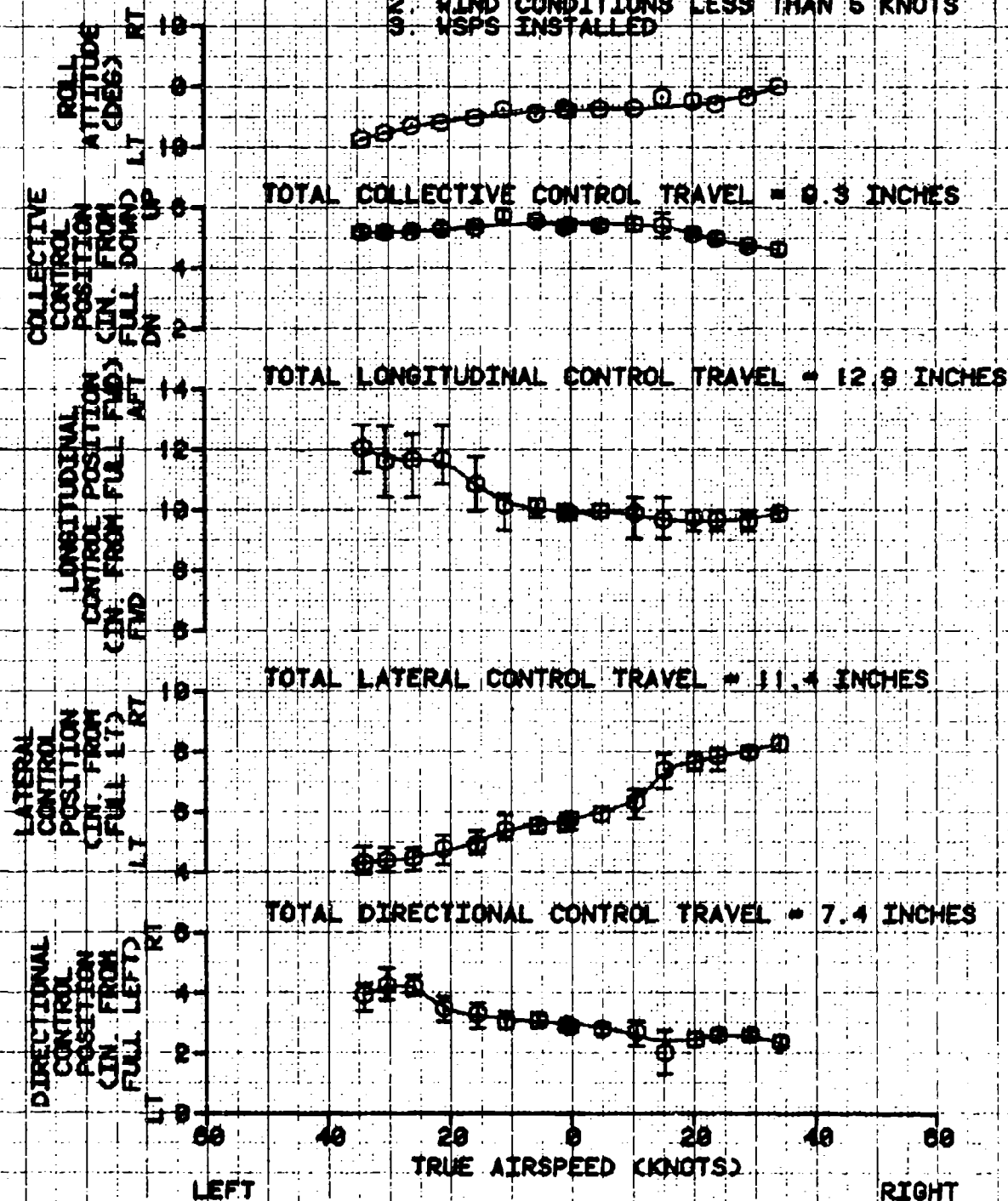




FIGURE 10  
LOWSPEED FLIGHT

JOH-8A LCH (AH-8C) USA S/N 89-18854

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	SKID HEIGHT (FT)
2888	99.2 (FWD)	0.5 RT 3590	22.0	488	5

- NOTES:
1. I DENOTES EXTREME TRAVEL FROM TRIM DURING ATTEMPTED STABILIZED POINT
  2. WIND CONDITIONS LESS THAN 5 KNOTS
  3. RELATIVE WIND AZIMUTH MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NOSE OF AIRCRAFT = 135/315 DEG
  4. WSPS INSTALLED

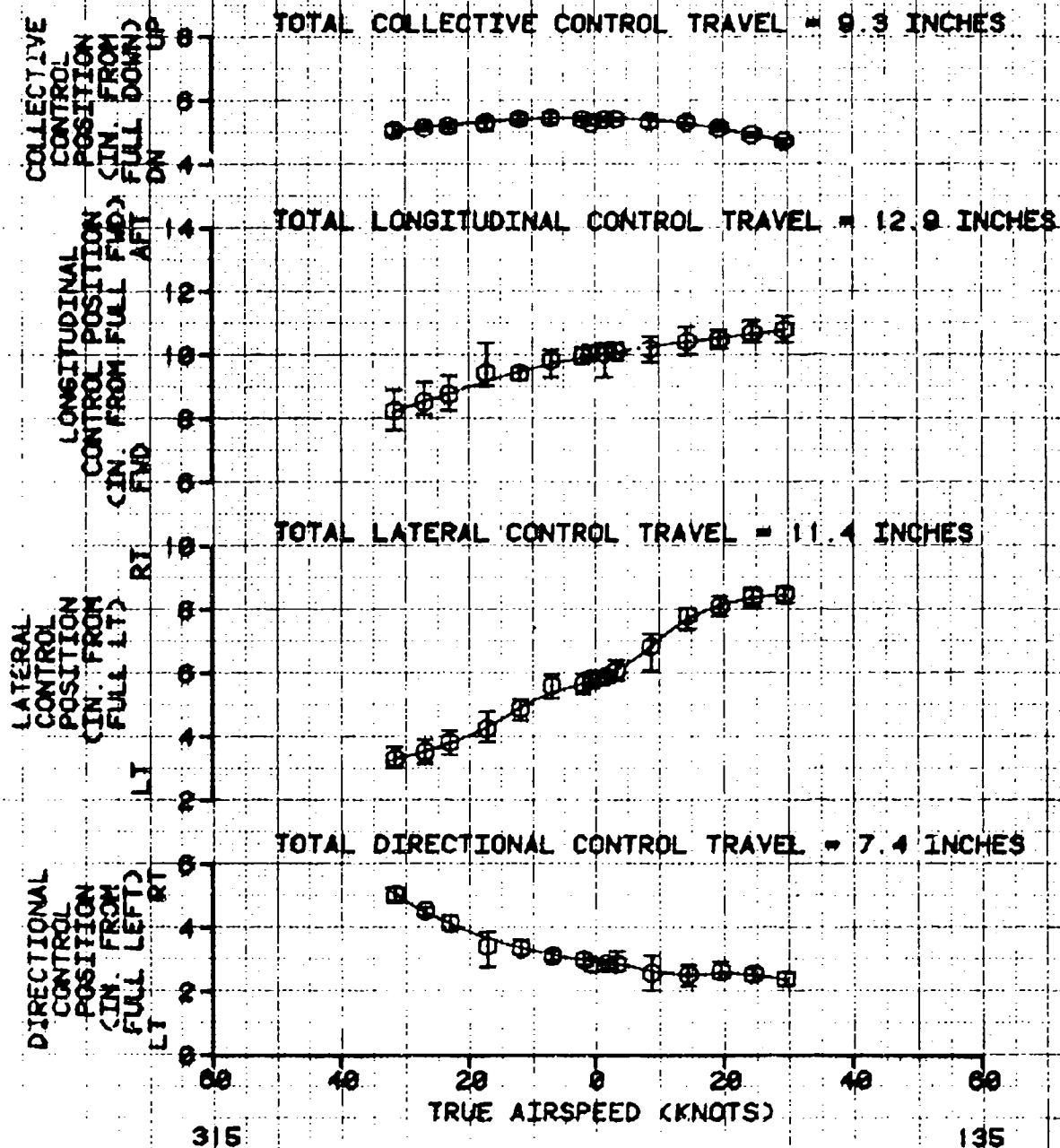


FIGURE 11  
LOWSPEED FLIGHT

JOH-8A LCH (AH-8C) USA S/N 69-16054

AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB)	AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FWS)	AVG CG LOCATION LAT (BL)	AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT)	AVG OAT (DEG C)	AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM)	SKID HEIGHT (FT)
2660	99.2(FWD)	0.5 RT	3500	21.5	486	5

- NOTES: 1. I DENOTES EXTREME TRAVEL FROM TRIM DURING ATTEMPTED STABILIZED POINT  
2. WIND CONDITIONS LESS THAN 5 KNOTS  
3. RELATIVE WIND AZIMUTH MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NOSE OF AIRCRAFT = 045/225 DEG  
4. WSPS INSTALLED

COLLECTIVE CONTROL POSITION (IN. FROM FULL DOWN) UP DN

TOTAL COLLECTIVE CONTROL TRAVEL = 9.3 INCHES

LONGITUDINAL CONTROL POSITION (IN. FROM FULL FWD) AFT FWD

TOTAL LONGITUDINAL CONTROL TRAVEL = 12.9 INCHES

LATERAL CONTROL POSITION (IN. FROM FULL LT) RT LT

TOTAL LATERAL CONTROL TRAVEL = 11.4 INCHES

DIRECTIONAL CONTROL POSITION (IN. FROM FULL LEFT) RT LT

TOTAL DIRECTIONAL CONTROL TRAVEL = 7.4 INCHES

TRUE AIRSPEED (KNOTS)

225 40 20 0 20 40 60 845

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